

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE

FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKFORCE

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Who is it for?

This qualification will suit anyone who wants to start working in a wide range of children and young people's settings covering the age range 0-19 years.

The Level 2 Certificate is a generic qualification, which is relevant across the whole of the Children and Young People's Workforce. It is seen mainly as a bridging qualification towards the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification, but it does confer occupational competence to work under supervision and it enables practitioners to count towards the 50% Level 2 requirement identified in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

What is the structure?

The Level 2 Certificate carries 35 credits. To achieve it, candidates must achieve 31 credits from the 13 mandatory units listed below, and a further four credits which they achieve by choosing between one and three optional units.

- Introduction to communication
- Introduction to personal development
- Introduction to equality and inclusion
- Child and young person development
- Contribute to the support of child and young person development
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Contribute to children and young people's health and safety
- Support children and young people's positive behaviour
- Contribute to the support of positive environments for children and young people
- Understand partnership working in services for children and young people
- Maintain and support relationships with children and young people
- Paediatric emergency first aid
- Managing paediatric illness and injury



Where will it take me?

Those who achieve the Certificate can either progress to a Level 3 Diploma or take additional optional units by way of continuing professional development. They can develop their career in the following areas:

- Early Years
- Health and Social Care
- Playwork
- Teaching and education welfare
- Youth and community work

How is it delivered?

You will be assigned a personal assessor – an experienced practitioner who is there to help and guide you. To achieve the certificate you need to build up a portfolio of evidence to show what you know, and what you can do.

You will develop your knowledge through study, using a mix of printed and online resources and webinars: your assessor will test this by setting you a variety of tasks. Your competence will develop as you become more experienced, and your assessor will visit you periodically to carry out and record observations of your practice.

All of the evidence will be stored in a web based portfolio which you and your assessor can access at any time.

How long does it take?

There is no fixed period – much depends on how committed you are and how easy we find it to carry out observations. However, we generally find that 9 – 12 months is typical. If you are doing this qualification as part of an apprenticeship, please note that there is a minimum duration of 12 months.

What funding is available?

If you are employed as an apprentice for at least 16 hours per week, we should be able to access public funding for your training, although your employer may have to make a small contribution.

If you are unemployed and receiving state benefits, or if you do not already have any qualification at Level 2 or above (which includes 5 grade C GCSEs), the qualification can also be delivered free of charge – although you will need to have a work placement which allows us sufficient time, over a period, to observe your practice at work.

In other circumstances we will have to charge although we can generally access part funding for learners under 24 or those employed in small businesses.