

Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice

Who is this qualification for? This qualification is designed for those working with young people. They may be employed or volunteering and must be 16+. The qualification has been developed in association with LLUK, the Sector Skills Council responsible for the professional development of the lifelong learning workforce. The level 3 certificate aims to provide knowledge and skills required to become a competent Support Youth Worker or other similar role and in addition, will offer a range of transferable skills in relation to working with young people in a variety of settings across children's services

What does the qualification include? In order to achieve the level 3 certificate, learners will need to achieve a minimum of **32 credits** from a range of units. Below is an outline of the units contained within this qualification (all units are mandatory):

UNIT TITLE	CREDIT VALUE	GLH	Brief description
Understanding youth work principles and practices	10	75	<i>This unit explores and examines the values, core principles and current policy relating to youth work including engaging, maintaining and safeguarding professional relationships with young people and understanding the role that young people play within their community</i>
Understanding intervention strategies in youth work settings	6	45	<i>This unit explores and examines a range of strategies for effective work with young people in a youth work setting. The unit includes gaining an understanding of group work, how to overcome conflict in youth work settings, recognise opportunities and resources for youth work in the local area, understand the key principles of partnership working and effective leadership</i>
Understanding principles, knowledge and skills for work-based practice in youth work	7	55	<i>This unit explores and examines skills for undertaking a Youth Support Worker role within a young work setting. It includes what is meant by reflective practice, how to communicate effectively with young people, understanding the range of factors affecting adolescent development and being able to plan with the involvement of young people</i>
Work-based practice in youth work	9	60	<i>This unit outlines the skills and knowledge to enable the learner to assist in providing accurate, up to date and impartial information and advice to young people</i>

**There are no optional units within this qualification*

What are GLH? 'Guided learning hours' are the number of hours required to complete the unit made up of a combination of induction to the programme, attendance at taught sessions/workshops, assessment of learner activities in the workplace and 1-1 or group tutorials

How is the qualification assessed? Learning and assessment takes place through the integration of practical activities in a work based setting and academic activities. Each learner will need to produce a portfolio of evidence that meets the learning outcomes for each unit. Evidence can be presented in a variety of ways for example, case study, work product, direct observation, expert witness testimony, professional discussion and so on. Experienced assessors will work 1-1 with each learner. We offer initial assessment for all learners and ensure that anyone, irrespective of previous academic attainment, can achieve success (more information on what is required within the portfolio will be provided on a 1-1 basis).

How long will it take to complete the qualification? Qualifications are based on the number of credits linked to Qualification Credit Framework, so the more credits, the bigger the qualification. We suggest that this qualification will take approximately 12-16 months to complete.

How much time do I need to commit to completing the qualification? We recommend that approximately 6 hours a week is spent on the theory (underpinning knowledge) which includes attendance at taught sessions, reading, completing assignments and/or tasks, reading and meeting with the assessor. In addition, it is also required that direct work with young people is undertaken at a minimum of approximately 10 hours a week.

What potential progression opportunities will there be? Learners who complete this qualification may be able to progress to

- Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice as well as a range of other level 3 or level 4 qualifications