

Level 2 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 2 certificate aims to provide knowledge and skills required to become a competent Assistant 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 2 certificate, learners will need to achieve a minimum of **23 credits** from a range of units. Below is an example of the different units that could be included to make up the qualification including mandatory and optional:

UNIT TITLE	CREDIT VALUE	GLH	Brief description
Understanding youth work principles and practices	3	25	<i>This unit outlines the knowledge and skills underpinning Youth Work including purpose and role of youth work, principles and practice of equal opportunities and qualities and values required to practise within youth work. The unit is linked to a real work environment</i>
Safeguarding young people in a youth work setting	4	30	<i>This unit outlines of the knowledge and skills relating to safeguarding of young people in a youth work setting. The unit is linked to a real work environment (the learner needs to be working with young people)</i>
Youth work principles, knowledge and skills in work-based practice	7	55	<i>This unit outlines the knowledge and skills relating to work-based practice within a youth work setting. Learners will explore effective communication with young people, be able to recognise issues that are important to young people and gain an understanding of how groups are formed and facilitated</i>
Support the provision of information and advice to young people	3	22	<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>
*Support children and young people's play and leisure	3	16	<i>This unit provides the knowledge, understanding and skills required to support children and young people's play and leisure. It links with practice so that learner's demonstrate competence in supporting play and leisure activities</i>
*Contribute to the support of positive environments for children and young people	3	27	<i>The purpose of this unit is to develop the learner's understanding of why a positive environment is important to the individual needs of children and young people and the skills required to support this</i>

**optional units (to the value of 6 credits) can be selected according to organisational priorities, please discuss your requirements with us*

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 9-12 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 3 hours a week.

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

- Level 3 qualifications (e.g. Youth Work Practice, Working with Vulnerable Young People, Sports Leadership, Community Volunteering)