

City & Guilds

500/8681/9 Level 2 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ)

OVERVIEW

- What does this qualification cover?

This qualification covers the knowledge and skills needed to work in the Playwork sector in England, in a supervised role.

There are 12 mandatory units covering the following topics:

- playwork principles
- the play environment
- supporting children and young people's play
- relationships in the play environment
- health and safety in the play environment
- the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people in the play environment
- reflective playwork practice
- developing own playwork and team practice
- support relationships in the play environment
- work with children and young people to create play spaces and support freely chosen self-directed play
- contribute to the health, safety, security and welfare of children and young people using the play environment
- help to improve own practice and the work of the playwork team

All learners will cover the mandatory units and then will select at least 2 optional units, allowing them to tailor their learning and acquire specific knowledge and skills, appropriate to the needs of their work setting. The optional units cover the following topics:

- contribute to providing food and drink in the play environment
- contribute to the administration of the play environment
- support the travel of children and young people outside the play environment
- facilitate a specific play opportunity at children or young people's request
- support the development of playwork opportunities in the community
- contribute to supporting disabled children and young people in the play environment
- support work with parents and carers in the play environment
- carry out playwork in a school setting

The mandatory units will contribute 80% of the vocational skills needed, the optional units will contribute 20% of the vocational skills needed.

This is a Framework qualification.

- Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is specifically designed for learners who want to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to work in the Playwork sector in England in supervised roles, or for learners already working in the sector who need to demonstrate their competence in a supervised role.

The Level 2 Diploma in Playwork (NVQ) can be taken as part of an Apprenticeship or as a stand-alone qualification.

Learners may wish to undertake the qualification as part of an apprenticeship if they are new to the playwork sector. As part of the Apprenticeship they will also need to undertake an additional qualification in Employment Awareness in Active Leisure and Learning as well as be assessed in functional skills in maths and English.

Learners should take this qualification as stand-alone if they need flexibility in the way they want to plan their study, especially if they are already working in the sector and need to demonstrate competence in their current role.

The qualification is suitable for learners who are at least 16 years of age

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

This qualification will enable learners to confirm their occupational competence and they will be able to be employed in settings where children and young people are given opportunities for freely chosen, self-directed play. They could be employed in supervised roles such as:

- Playworker in Holiday clubs or play areas
- Holiday centre worker
- Holiday representative
- Leisure centre assistant
- School lunchtime supervisor
- Youth and community worker.

Learners may wish to consider further learning after completion. They may be interested in the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma in Playwork and related Apprenticeship

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification is supported by the following employers:

The Grange Partnership
Just for Kids
Door 84
Blois Meadow Day Nursery
Otley Kids Club
Buzz
Rougham Acorns & Woodlands

Meersbrook Park After School Club
Moorside out of School Club
Mohair Centre