

City & Guilds

501/1488/8 Level 3 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 senior role that requires no supervision.

There are 13 mandatory units covering the following topics:

- understand playwork principles
- understand children and young people's self-directed play
- understand how to safeguard the well-being of children and young people
- understand the organisational framework for play
- understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people
- understand the relationships in the play environment
- understand health, safety and security in the play environment
- understand how to plan for and support children and young people's selfdirected play
- engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- contribute to an organisational framework that reflects the needs and protects the rights of children and young people
- develop and maintain a healthy, safe and secure play environment for children and young people
- develop and promote positive relationships in a play environment
- plan for and support children and young people's selfdirected play

All learners will cover the mandatory units and then will select around 3 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:

- work with colleagues in a playwork team
- engage with parents, carers and families in a play environment
- administer playwork provision
- promote own organisation in the community
- organise and supervise travel
- manage a budget
- inclusive play, working with disabled children and young people
- contribute to evaluating, developing and promoting services
- provide learning opportunities for colleagues



- allocate and monitor the progress and quality of work in own area of responsibility
- recruit, select and keep colleagues

The mandatory units will contribute around 80% of the vocational skills needed, the optional units will contribute around 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 in-depth knowledge and skills needed to work in the Playwork sector in England in senior roles requiring no supervision, or for learners already working in the sector who are experienced and need to demonstrate their competence in a senior, unsupervised role.

The Level 3 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 previously completed an intermediate apprenticeship and now wish to progress. As part of the 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 18 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 setting where children and young people are given opportunities for freely chosen, self-directed play. They could be employed in senior roles such as:

- Playworker
- Childminder
- Holiday centre manager
- Leisure centre manager
- Play therapist
- 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 4 Award and Certificate in Playwork.

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