

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities (601/1687/0)

Overview

The primary purpose of this qualification is to help you prepare to enter, or progress within, employment where you work or interact with people with learning disabilities in a variety of roles.

This qualification will be ideal for you if you're working within health care or social care but may also be useful if you're working in education or a housing support role. You can also take this qualification to support your progression into further learning within the Health and Social Care sector.

The qualification aims to help you develop your underpinning knowledge and understanding to support your role working with people with learning disabilities. You'll explore the principles of safeguarding and positive risk taking and gain awareness of the autistic spectrum.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for learners with an interest in, or who are already working with, people with learning disabilities in a variety of roles.

Age restrictions

You need to be at least 16 years old to take this qualification. Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

Entry requirements

You don't need to have any specific prior learning requirements to take this qualification, but may find it helpful if you've already achieved a Level 1 qualification within the Health and Social Care area.

Qualification content

This qualification contains the following **6** mandatory units:

- **Unit 01** Understand the context of supporting individuals with learning disabilities (4 credits)
You will explore the meaning of learning disability and consider issues closely linked with learning disability support. You'll develop an awareness of how the attitudes and beliefs of others affect people who have learning disabilities. You'll be introduced to themes covering inclusion, human rights, advocacy, empowerment and active participation, and

will consider the central place of communication in working with people who have learning disabilities.

- Unit 02 Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care (3 credits)
You will be introduced to the important area of safeguarding people from abuse. You'll develop knowledge of different types of abuse, and the signs and symptoms that might indicate abuse is occurring. You'll consider when people might be particularly vulnerable to abuse, and what you must do if abuse is suspected or alleged.
- Unit 03 Introduction to personalisation in social care (3 credits)
You will understand how personalisation affects provision of social care services, and you'll focus on the systems, skills and support needed to implement personalised provision.
- Unit 04 Principles of positive risk taking for individuals with disabilities (2 credits)
You will develop your knowledge of positive risk taking and understand the importance of positive risk taking for people with learning disabilities. You'll explore how to take a person-centred approach to enabling individuals to take risks and how to balance risk taking with duty of care.
- Unit 05 Introductory awareness of autistic spectrum conditions (2 credits)
You will gain an introductory awareness on autistic spectrum conditions. You'll develop knowledge and explore important themes such as individuality, communication, behaviour and person-centred support.
- Unit 06 Principles of supporting individuals with a learning disability to access health care (3 credits)
You will develop the knowledge needed to enable you to contribute to supporting a person to access and use health care services.

What type of qualification is this?

This is a vocationally related qualification with 143 guided learning hours. Within this time you can expect to be involved in formal learning activities which could include classes, tutorials or seminars. You're also expected to work independently, researching the subject and preparing for class-based activities.

100 per cent of this qualification focuses on developing your knowledge and understanding of the principles of working with people with learning disabilities.

This is a standalone qualification and is not part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

Progression opportunities

Developing knowledge of safeguarding and protection, personalisation in social care, positive risk taking and supporting people with learning disabilities will enable you to become more effective and confident in your role.

Knowing how to support people with learning disabilities to access health care ensures you can support them to remain healthy and obtain the health care they need.

Successful completion will help support a number of job roles within the Health and Social Care sector, where you may be working with people with learning disabilities in your day-to-day role:

- healthcare support service worker
- clinical healthcare support worker
- healthcare assistant
- nursing assistant
- health education/health promotion worker
- care assistants/assistants/support workers in residential settings
- health care assistants/support workers in community and primary care environments
- health care assistants/support workers in acute health environments
- care assistants/support workers/key workers in domiciliary services
- care assistants/support workers/key workers in day services
- personal assistants employed directly by the individual they support or their families.

Completion of the qualification may enable you to progress into the above job roles within the Health and Social Care sector, as a new entrant or as part of your ongoing career development.

You could also progress to the following Apprenticeships:

- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care
- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)
- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health (Healthcare Support Services)

If you're interested in progressing to further study at the next level of vocational learning the following qualifications are also available:

- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
- Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Individuals with Learning Disabilities
- Level 3 Certificate for Working in the Health Sector
- Level 3 Certificate in Working with Individuals with Diabetes
- Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support Services

Similar qualifications

We offer a range of Health and Social Care qualifications at this level, however this is our only qualification at this Level which provides knowledge and understanding of working with people with learning disabilities.

Support for this qualification

This qualification is supported by employers from the Health and Social Care sector.

For further information about these organisations please contact CACHE on 0345 347 2123 or email us at info@cache.org.uk.