

NVQ LEVEL 4 LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES for children, young people and those who care for them (LDSS)

Awarding Body: OCR

Who will benefit?

This higher level qualification is aimed at those working to deliver in-depth advice, guidance and support to young people in Personal adviser roles in the Connexions and similar contexts. It is part of the National Framework for Personal Advisers, Learning Mentors and Education Welfare Officers and offers professional status to graduates with the Qualification in Careers Guidance (QCG).

The Qualification

This qualification enables candidates to develop and enhance high level practitioner competence across a range of activities and interactions, with and on behalf of children, young people and their carers.

To achieve the NVQ, candidates must complete 6 common core mandatory units, which look at how to evaluate the risk of abuse or harm, how to deliver structured interviews, joint working techniques and protocols, reviewing personal safety and reflective practice skills. In addition they complete 2 pathway units which emphasise different types of engagement, and the choice of the remaining 3 optional units will be dictated by job role and employer requirements.

The programme can be delivered flexibly to meet the needs of individual candidates and organisations. Usually candidates attend up to 10 teaching/workshop sessions, to facilitate the acquisition of appropriate skills and knowledge and build a portfolio of evidence.

Centre Support and Assessment

- One-to-one support from an experienced and knowledgeable assessor
- A minimum of 3 work-based assessments
- Tutorials on workshop days, following work-based assessments and by telephone
- Questioning of candidate and witness
- Written assessments
- Portfolio support and assessment
- Regular accreditation through Direct Claims Status
- Dedicated telephone and email support from a team of assessors Monday to Friday, with an out-of-hours answerphone service

Usually candidates complete the qualification within about 12 months.

There are no formal entry requirements but candidates should demonstrate level 4 ability and be in a job role which provides adequate opportunity to demonstrate their skills, develop their knowledge and gather sufficient evidence.

Course Costs/How to apply

Contact rosemary.tatchell@ckcareers.org.uk or patricia.taylor@ckcareers.org.uk for an application form or ring 01484 226775 for more information. The next course starts on and takes place at the Huddersfield Connexions Centre.