

ABC Awards – a guide to our Youth Work VRQs and NVQs



ABC Awards (ABC) suite of Youth Work vocationally related qualifications / National Vocational Qualifications are aimed at candidates across all levels and abilities. They are all accredited by QCA and therefore eligible for LSC funding.

These qualifications are aimed at a wide target market and provide progression routes through ABC's own portfolio and onto other vocational / national qualifications.

Vocational qualifications give candidates the ability to work individually and as part of a team, be competent in communication, IT and numeracy skills and have vocational experience in a particular sector, giving them the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen industry. The NVQs adopt the National Occupational Standards for youth work and also reflect the original learning outcomes contained in the National Youth Agency's (NYA) Seven Key Areas.

Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to Youth Work

This qualification is designed for those who are 16+ and are interested in working with young people in a paid or in a volunteering capacity. It is appropriate for those who would benefit from an introduction to youth and community work. In particular; young people who have undertaken a personal development programme or similar; those who have an interest in but no substantial experience of working with young people and people who are not ready for or are unsure about undertaking other formal training in this area.

There are no specific academic or experiential requirements. The ABC Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to Youth Work is made up of the following mandatory units:

- An Introduction to the Youth Work Sector
- Safe Working Practice for Youth Work
- Effective Team Work in Youth Work
- Working with Young People in the Local Environment
- Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of Youth Work in the Local Environment
- Self Assessment for Youth work

The qualification has been allocated 120 guided learning hours for completion to include 40 hours of supervised fieldwork practice.

Level 2 Certificate and Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work

These qualifications provide a natural progression for a part-time youth worker to move towards a national full-time qualification. The scheme has been designed to prepare students to a style of training similar to NVQs and has been developed together with experienced youth workers. The qualification is designed to be used for in-service training, work-based learning and as a Technical Certificate for Modern Apprenticeships in Youth Work. The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 2 qualification are 180, including at least 80 hours of supervised practice. The recommended guided learning hours for the Level 3 qualification are 240, including at least 120 hours of supervised practice. Candidates should normally be working (voluntary or paid) in the Youth Work sector.

Level 2 Mandatory Units

- Engaging Young People in Relationships and Conversations
- Young People as Active Citizens
- Encouraging young People to Develop Awareness and Understanding of Themselves
- Understanding and Reflecting on Practice and Learning
- Equality, Diversity and Participation
- Promoting a Safe Environment in Youth Work

Level 3 Mandatory Units

- Values and Ethics in Youth Work
- Group Work in Youth Work
- Youth Work and Informal Education
- Planning and Delivering Youth Work
- Evaluating and Reviewing Youth Work
- Working in Organisations and Teams
- Assessing Needs in Youth Work
- Working with partner Organisations and Communities

Level 2 NVQ in Youth Work

This qualification is designed for people who are already working in a Youth Work environment (public, voluntary or private sector, paid or unpaid) in an assisting or supportive role and who are supervised. It is for people who have limited experience of youth work and want an access route to a qualification. Candidates must be working (voluntary or paid) in the Youth Work sector. The guided learning hours for this qualification is at the discretion of each assessment centre and dependent upon the support an individual candidate requires.

Mandatory Units

- Establish Relationships and Maintain Dialogue With Young People
- Work as an Effective and Reflective Practitioner
- Work in Ways Which Promote Equality of Opportunity, Participation and Responsibility
- Work with Young People to Safeguard Their Welfare

Optional Units

- Enable Young People to Access and Use Information and Make Decisions
- Enable Young People to be Active Citizens
- Support Young People in Tackling Problems and Taking Action
- Advocate on Behalf of Young People
- Enable Young People to Develop Their Awareness of Their Self-identity and Being
- Work With Young People to Design and Develop Sessions
- Work With Young People to Manage Resources for Events, Activities or Projects
- Review Progress and Evaluate Opportunities With Young People

Level 3 NVQ in Youth Work

This qualification is appropriate for those working as an experienced practitioner or manager, (public, voluntary, private sector, paid or unpaid), who are responsible for, and control, the activities of small teams, usually receiving their instructions from others. The guided learning hours for this qualification is at the discretion of each assessment centre and dependent upon the support an individual candidate requires.

Mandatory Units

- Enable Young People to Explore and Develop Their Values and Self Respect
- Enable young People to Work Effectively in Groups
- Enable Young People to Use their Learning to Enhance Their Future
- Manage Your Work and Create Effective Work Relationships

Option A Units (choice of 2 excluding any gained at Level 2)

- Enable Young People to Access and Use Information and Make Decisions
- Enable Young People to be Active Citizens
- Support Young People in Tackling Problems and Taking Action
- Advocate on Behalf of Young People
- Enable Young People to Develop Their Awareness of Their Self-identity and Being
- Work With Young People to Design and Develop Sessions
- Work With Young People to Manage Resources for Events, Activities or Projects
- Review Progress and Evaluate Opportunities With Young People

Option B Units (choice of 2 Units):

- Investigate Needs and Provision for young People and Promote Youth Work Opportunities
- Identify Relationships with Other Organisations and Individuals
- Build and Maintain Partnership Work
- Provide Information to Aid Policy Information, and Improvement of Practices and Provision
- Develop Teams and Individuals to Enhance the Quality of Youth Work
- Promote a Culture of Health and Safety

ABC Awards (ABC) is a major provider of Vocationally Related, and National Vocational Qualifications in the UK. We work with representatives from Sector Skills Councils, QCA and industry bodies to ensure that qualifications are developed to the standards required for the National Qualifications Framework.

ABC's portfolio contains over 250 accredited qualifications and there is the opportunity for all schools, colleges and training organisations to become approved as centres to offer any number of ABC's qualifications.

ABC has a broad choice of qualifications, from Entry Level to Level 6, all offering stepping stones to success. Each qualification is assessed in a rigorous but user-friendly manner and most are in manageable bites of learning. It is ABC's aim to open up opportunities for students and to widen participation in education.

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