

NVQs and SVQs in Children's Care, Learning and Development A Learner's Guide



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In order to meet regulatory requirements and due to changing roles and additional expectations on the workforce, new awards have been developed to reflect these requirements and values and principles of child care. These qualifications are especially designed for people who work with children and young people aged 0 to 16.

They reflect the diverse group of people who do not work in a single age range, but move between settings catering for different needs. They are relevant to people working in day care, crèches, preschools and schools, hospitals, primary care and community based services such as SureStart programmes. They are also relevant to people working as childminders.

Our NVQs and SVQs in Children's Care, Learning and Development will prove that you are a skilled and competent worker, something that all employers are looking for.

Which qualification is right for me?

Level 2 NVQ/SVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development

This qualification is aimed at nursery assistants, crèche workers, special educational needs assistants working in a supporting role.

You need to complete **seven** units, six of which are core:

- Contribute to positive relationships
- Help to keep children safe
- Support children's development
- Use support to develop own practice in children's care learning and development
- Prepare and maintain environments to meet children's needs
- Support children's play and learning

You then choose 1 optional unit (from a choice of 4) that best match your usual work role. These units cover a wide range of subjects, including supporting the development of babies and children as well as supporting children's education and recreational needs.

Level 3 NVQ/SVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development

This qualification is aimed at childminders, day-care supervisors, SureStart workers and community nursery nurses. You may have some supervisory responsibilities or be involved in specialist tasks with some degree of responsibility or independence.

You need to complete **nine** units, five of which are core:

- Develop and promote positive relationships
- Develop and maintain a healthy, safe and secure environment for children
- Promote children's development
- Reflect on and develop practice
- Protect and promote children's rights

You then need to complete four optional units (from a choice of 41) that best match your work role. This range of options covers a wide range of work roles including working with families to enhance children and young people's

education, safeguarding children from harm and mentoring colleagues in the workplace.

Level 4 NVQ/SVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development

This qualification is aimed at centre managers, senior practitioner, childminding co-ordinators or pre-school advisers. You will have management or supervisory responsibility of other staff and may have an overall responsibility of the services provided.

You will be assessed in **nine** units, four of which are core:

- Establish and develop working relationships
- Support policies, procedures and practice to safeguard children and ensure their inclusion and well-being
- Support programmes for the promotion of children's development
- Reflect on, review and develop own practice
- Co-ordinate provision for babies and children under 3 years in partnership with their families

Then you choose five further optional units (from a choice of 29 units) that best match your work role. This range of options covers a wide range of work roles including safeguarding children from harm, contributing to the

Do the qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

These qualifications are part of the National Qualifications Framework and are also recognised by important industry bodies. This means that they will be recognised by most UK employers.

Are there any learning materials available?

When you enrol, your centre will provide you with all the materials and documents you need.

Nelson Thornes publishers are producing a series of text books to support you. Visit their website to find out more www.nelsonthornes.com

Are there any other qualifications that may be of interest to me?

You might also be interested in these NVQ/SVQs:

Level 4 NVQ Registered Managers (Adults)

Level 4 SVQ Registered Manager in Health and Social Care (Adults)

Level 4 NVQ Managers in Residential Child Care

Levels 2 and 3 NVQ in Youth Work

We also offer a range of qualifications designed to help you progress between levels:

Levels 2 and 3 Certificates in Children's care, learning and development

Levels 2 and 3 Certificate in Working with People who have Learning Disabilities

Key points

- Designed for people working with children and young people aged 0-16 in the full range of settings
- Recognised by employers across the UK
- Prove that you have the skills and knowledge to work competently and safely with children and young people
- Assessment takes place in your own work place and focuses on real work with children and young people
- You do not need any other qualifications to become a learner

Level 3 Certificate in Community Mental Health Care

Higher Professional Diploma in Learning Disability Services

Higher Professional Diploma in Health and Well-Being

If you are new to their work area, you might want to look at these Initial Awards:

Level 2 Certificate in Contributing to the Early Years Setting

Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Work

How can I find out more?

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