Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate for Learning Support Practitioners (600/7977/0)

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<td>The City &amp; Guilds Level 3 Certificate for Learning Support Practitioners enables learners to understand and develop supporting relationships and communication skills required to help learners achieve their goals.</td>
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Learners must achieve 18 credits from the mandatory units:
- Learning support in lifelong learning contexts
- Principles of learning support
- Supporting learning

A further 12 credits must be chosen from 11 optional units that cover: inclusive approaches to providing information, English, maths and ICT learning needs, equality and diversity, practice based investigation, specialist learning support, managing behaviours and preparing for the mentoring role.

For further information on the structure and the units that must be taken, please refer to the qualification handbook on the website:

Through this qualification you will develop the knowledge and skills needed support learners in a range of contexts across the learning and skills sector (further education, sixth-form colleges, adult and community education and work-based learning).

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?
This is the only Level 3 work-based qualification suitable for those wishing to provide general learning support. The Level 3 Award for Learning Support Practitioners (600/6837/1) provides a knowledge-only introduction to the role. The Level 3 Certificates in Supporting Literacy, Language and Numeracy Learning (600/7985/X), Supporting Disabled Learners (600/7907/1) and Communication Support for Deaf Learners (600/7993/9) are available for those wishing to give specialist support for learners with specific needs.

This qualification provides the skills and knowledge needed in learning support roles and can help individuals progress into employment as Learning Support Practitioners.
| Alternatives routes to achieve the same outcome? | The Level 3 Certificate for Learning Support Practitioners is also a component qualification within the Level 3 Learning Support apprenticeship framework, pathway 1: Supporting Learning. |
| How this qualification supports the identified outcome(s)? | This qualification is for those working in a wide range of education and learning settings. It is designed for full or part time workers, paid and voluntary, permanent or temporary, as well as day or night workers. This qualification can help individuals to progress into roles with additional management responsibilities, such as a Senior Learning Support Practitioner. Additionally, with further training you could gain employment in specialist support roles, mentoring and coaching and teaching and training. |

**WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?**

| Employer/Higher Education Institutions | This qualification is widely recognised across the learning and skills sector, including further education and sixth form colleges, adult learning providers and employers (work-based learning and apprenticeships). |