

Purpose statement

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

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
<p>What does this qualification cover?</p>	<p>The City & 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.</p> <p>Learners must achieve 18 credits from the mandatory units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning support in lifelong learning contexts • Principles of learning support • Supporting learning <p>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.</p> <p>For further information on the structure and the units that must be taken, please refer to the qualification handbook on the website: http://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/learning/learning-support/6259-learning-support#tab=documents</p> <p>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).</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This qualification provides the skills and knowledge needed in learning support roles and can help individuals progress into employment as Learning Support Practitioners.</p>

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)?	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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).