



Professional Certificate in Early Interventions Work

LEVEL

3

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Total Qualification Time:
260 hrs

Qualification Number: 603/1057/1

Qualification Age: 16



Guided Learning (GL):
122 hrs

Availability:

This qualification is regulated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Operational From:

1 February 2017



Qualification Objectives

What does this qualification cover?

The objective of this qualification is to provide learners with the underpinning knowledge and skills required by practitioners who manage an early interventions caseload or work directly with families. The qualification reflects the importance of communication skills and the building and maintaining of relationships with individuals and families required in early interventions work.

Who is the qualification for?

This qualification is suitable for new entrants to the practitioner role, providing the knowledge and supporting the development of skills during their induction period. This could include learners undertaking a training course with a college or training provider, with a placement to allow access to relevant work experience. It is also appropriate for extending the knowledge and competence of existing case workers.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been developed to support the professionalisation of the early interventions workforce and to provide a flexible progression route for those who work, or aspire to work, in the sector.



Qualification Progression

What future education could this qualification lead to?

Learners can progress from the Level 3 Professional Certificate in Early Interventions Work to the Level 4 Professional Certificate in Early Interventions Work.

What future employment could this qualification lead to?

Learners who complete this qualification will be able to progress into a role as a practitioner who manages an early interventions caseload or work directly with families.



Qualification Achievement

What are the entry requirements for the qualification?

Prior to registration learners are required to be:

- accurately identified
- at least 16 years of age

Learners should understand the stages of child development or have completed the unit Understand child development from the Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Early Interventions Work prior to undertaking the qualification

How is the qualification achieved?

The learner will need to complete 5 mandatory units.

What will be assessed?

Assessment methods that can be used for this qualification are as follows:

- Coursework
- E-assessment
- Multiple Choice Examination
- Portfolio of Evidence
- Practical Demonstration / Assignment
- Written Examination

How will it be assessed?

This qualification contains 5 mandatory units to be completed by the learner. Each unit is comprised of a number of learning outcomes and assessment criteria which must all be achieved.

Learning outcomes that begin 'The learner will understand...' will be assessed through theory-based activities.

Learning outcomes that begin 'The learner will be able to...' are assessed through practical activities.

For example:

Learning outcomes The learner will...	Assessment criteria The learner will...
1. Be able to manage an early intervention caseload in line with policies and procedures	1.1 Explain how to plan the management of an early interventions caseload 1.2 Explain the information requirements of case summaries 1.3 Summarise policies and procedures relating to the management of case records
2. Be able to use assessments in early interventions in line with policies and procedures	2.1 Summarise the types of assessments used in own role with families and individuals at risk 2.2 Analyse how assessments link to early interventions 2.3 Explain the components of assessments



Qualification Delivery

What facilities and/or equipment are needed to deliver this qualification?

The approved centre is required to have:

- one or more delivery sites with facilities to support the programme of training and assessment
- equipment in place to facilitate the full programme of learning and assessment
- opportunities in the workplace for learners to carry out tasks/activities which allow them to generate evidence to meet assessment criteria.

What qualification materials support this qualification?

This qualification is supported by additional documents which must be read by all relevant personnel within approved centres approved to offer this qualification. These include:

- SFJ Awards Level 3 Professional Certificate in Early Interventions Work Qualification Handbook, detailing unit specifications, learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the qualification
- SFJ Awards Centre Handbook
- SFJ Awards Assessment Guidance
- SFJ Awards Quality Assurance (Internal and External) Guidance

Our policies are available on the SFJ Awards website
<https://sfjawards.com/policies/>.

SFJ Awards also have template forms available to support assessors and internal quality assurers.

What workforce is needed to be able to deliver this qualification?

The approved centre is required to have a qualified and competent qualification workforce in place which includes as a minimum:

- Head of Centre
- Centre Coordinator
- Assessor(s) and Internal Quality Assurers (IQA) who:
 - Are occupationally knowledgeable in early interventions
 - Have current occupational competence in early interventions
- Assessors who are:
 - Qualified with a recognised assessor qualification, or
 - Working towards a recognised assessor qualification, or
 - Able to prove equivalent competence through training to appropriate national standards
- IQA(s) who are:
 - Qualified with a recognised IQA qualification, or
 - Working towards a recognised IQA qualification, or
 - Able to prove equivalent competence through training to appropriate national standards

How much does this qualification cost?

Qualification registration fees are available from SFJ Awards on request.

How to apply to deliver this qualification

SFJ Awards' approved centres should complete the Qualification Approval Form available from Odyssey or the Centre Resources section of the website:

www.sfjawards.com/centres/centre-resources

Other centres will need to become approved by SFJ Awards. For information and the centre application form please see our website:

www.sfjawards.com/centres/become-a-centre

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Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete 4 mandatory units to achieve the qualification

Unit title	Level	GL	Assessment method(s)
Understand early interventions theory and practice	3	22	Assessment methods that can be used for this qualification are as follows:
Understand communication skills for early interventions work	3	32	• Coursework • E-assessment
Working in early interventions	3	32	• Multiple Choice Examination
Develop and maintain relationships with families in early interventions work	3	18	• Portfolio of Evidence
Professional practice in early interventions	3	18	• Practical Demonstration / Assignment • Written Examination

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