



# JNC LEVEL 1 TO 4 IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE



## ? What is it?

These qualifications prepare you to work as an Assistant Youth Support Worker (Levels 1 & 2) or Youth Support Worker (Level 3). Level 4 is designed for line managers or those planning to study youth work at university (enquire for details on Level 4).

Level 2 & 3 graduates will earn a JNC-recognised qualification, enabling them to support the personal, social, and educational development of young people in both paid and voluntary roles.

## Who is it for?

**Level 1 & 2 Pathways:** Ideal if you are starting out or looking to develop skills in working with young people and qualify as an assistant youth support worker.

**Level 3 Pathway:** Designed for those who want to enhance their skills as youth support workers or lead youth workers, specialising in a particular area. **Note: Students must hold a leadership position to pursue this pathway.**

**Level 4 Pathway:** Ideal for those looking to develop skills in management and leadership or build further knowledge to support an application to a level 6 degree qualification.

## ✓ Length of course

L1 Cert & L2 Award: 3-6 Months

L2 & L3 Cert: 9-12 Months

L3 Diploma: 12-15 Months

L4 Certificate: 6-8 Months

Each level is assessed through the completion of a portfolio of evidence, workbook study tasks, assessment of learning and workplace observations (if required for your programme).

## £ How much does it cost?

Level 1 Certificate: £675

Level 2 Award: £775

Level 2 Certificate: £1475

Level 3 Diploma: £1850

Level 4 Certificate: £1850

## 31 Enrolments

Enrolments are on a roll on roll off basis and learners can start at any point in the year.

MEETING OTHER YOUTH WORKERS  
FROM DIFFERENT PROJECTS WAS A  
GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW HOW  
THINGS ARE DONE IN DIFFERENT  
SETTINGS  
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## Progression

These qualifications replace the previous Level 1 to 3 qualifications in Youth Work Practice (pre-March 2020) and have been developed and led by the National Youth Agency (NYA) and ETS England.

Learners who successfully complete the Level 1 qualification could progress to Level 2 and 3 qualifications. They could also progress onto appropriate specialised diploma levels 3 and 4 or onto related apprenticeships.

Need 2 Successes Information, Advice and Guidance Service (IAG) provides learners with the information required to support their studies and access their next steps.

Once you have passed your assessed units, you will be awarded a JNC recognised Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate or a Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice from SEG Awards. Level 4 is not yet JNC-recognised but provides a great foundation for further higher education or degree apprenticeship routes.



## Securing and Achieving Your Qualification

**To secure your place, there will be a £300 Refundable Deposit Required. This is returned upon successful and timely completion of your course (see course duration), and your place is subject to approval from the Youth Investment Fund Support Team.**

**Pathway 1: For the Level 1 Certificate,** you will need to gain 17 credits by completing all mandatory units.

**Pathway 2: For the Level 2 Certificate,** you will need to gain 26 credits (23 mandatory and 3 optional credits)

**Pathway 3: For the Level 3 Certificate,** you will need to gain 29 credits (27 mandatory and 2 optional credits)

**Pathway 4: For the Level 3 Diploma,** you will need to gain 37 credits (25 mandatory credits and 12 optional credits).

**Pathway 5: For the Level 4 Certificate,** you will need to gain 15 credits (3 mandatory and 12 optional credits)

*Please note that the Level 3 diploma is only reserved for those who have already passed Level 2 as a minimum or can demonstrate that they are in a leadership position.*





## ○○○ Topics You Will Cover

### Levels 1–3:

- Theory of youth work
- Safeguarding in a youth work setting
- Young people's development
- Engaging and communicating with young people
- Group work in a youth work setting
- Working with behaviour that challenges
- Work-Based practice in youth work
- Reflective practice in a youth work setting

**At Levels 2 or 3**, you will also have to complete other optional units. There are around 20 different unit topics to choose from that will link to your specialist area of work.

**Level 4:** At level 4, you will be required to complete the Introduction to Professional Development (Youth Work) Unit. Then, depending on your chosen pathway (see below), you will then need to complete a further 2 units as a minimum.

- **Pathway 1:** Leadership and Management
- **Pathway 2:** Health and Access
- **Pathway 3:** Youth Justice
- **Pathway 4:** Flexible Study Route

### ✓ Eligibility

Level 1 requires that you be at least 14 years old and, if possible (but not required), have some experience with youth work.

For Levels 2 and 3, you must be 16 or older and either employed or have regular access to a youth work environment, where you will be working directly with young people aged 11 to 25.

For those seeking to access Level 4, you must be aged 19 or over and hold a formal Level 3 qualification, either in youth work or within your own discipline area.

We recommend that you have an average level of literacy and numeracy at Grade C/Grade 4 or above (GCSE or Functional Skills) before enrolling in these courses.

For Levels 2–3, you must have the support of a workplace mentor or line manager from the organisation where you are working/volunteering.



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### ✓ DBS Check

All students practicing in youth work sector must be willing to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check; you will not be permitted to start studying until you have undergone this with your employer or placement.

**FOR INFORMATION**  
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