



Certificate in Special Education Needs and Disability (RQF)

Learner Guide



DEDICATED TUTOR SUPPORT



**FULLY ONLINE, START
IMMEDIATELY AND STUDY
FROM HOME**



**FORMAL & NATIONALLY
RECOGNISED DISTANCE
LEARNING QUALIFICATION**



ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL CPD

Overview

This OFQUAL regulated distance learning qualification, recognised by schools and OFSTED, provides the skills for those wishing to work in a role to support people with special educational needs and disabilities. You will have full support and guidance from a personal tutor for the duration of the course.

Who is this course for?

The purpose of this qualification is to develop knowledge of special educational needs and disabilities, how individuals with SEND are impacted on a day-to-day basis, and how to support them to live independent and fulfilling lives.

This qualification is designed for learners who are currently in a role related to SEND or for those who are considering entering into the sector.

Entry Requirements

There is no experience or previous qualifications required for enrolment on this course. It is available to all learners of all academic backgrounds. Ideally, you will hold a Level 2 in English and Maths. The qualification is suitable for learners of 16 years of age and above.



Key Information

- Made up of 5 units
- 110 guided learning hours (guided learning hours are the awarding bodies estimate of how long a learner will need to spend studying to complete their qualification)
- 14 credits at Level 2 (Credits can be used for “credit transfer” towards other qualifications. They can be added together and built up over time)
- This is a distance-learning course that can be studied at times that suit you
- Assignments will be accessed via the online learning portal when they are to be completed and returned to the course tutor for assessment
- You will receive timely feedback to improve your work should you need to • Personal Tutoring and coaching from a qualified teacher (the importance of this cannot be underestimated)
- After the successful completion of the course, you will receive your nationally recognised digital certificate. A paper certificate can be issued on request at an additional administration fee of £40. Please allow 15 working days for issue.

Directed study requirements

- Learners are expected to study and complete aspects of their assessment portfolio in their own time. This additional time is expected to be approximately 30 hours over the cycle of the programme
- Suggested completion time – 140 hours Total Qualification Time (TQT)* with completion taking up to six months.



**(TQT) is the total amount of time, in hours, expected to be spent by a Learner to achieve a qualification. It includes both guided learning hours (which are listed separately) and hours spent in preparation, study and assessment.*

Units Covered

This qualification consists of 5 mandatory units. Learners must achieve all 14 credits from the 5 mandatory units to pass. You will cover the following units:

Unit 1

Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disability

22

GLH

2

Credit
Value

In this unit learners will:

- Understand the different conditions categorized as SEND conditions
- Understand different models of disabilities
- Understand how the rights and support available to those with a condition categorized as SEND has changed over time

Unit 2

Understand Equality and Diversity in Context of SEND

24

GLH

4

Credit
Value

In this unit learners will:

- Understand the concept of Equality and Diversity
- Understand legislation and guidance which supports individuals with SEND
- Understand the importance of safeguarding an individual with SEND.
- Understand the benefits of a diverse and inclusive society for an individual with SEND.

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Unit 3

Principles of Promoting Person Centred Approach for Individuals with SEND

22

GLH

3

Credit
Value

In this unit learners will:

- Understand person centered approaches
- Understand the importance of encouraging active participation
- Understand the importance of an individual's well being

Unit 4

Understanding SEND and Learning

20

GLH

2

Credit
Value

In this unit learners will:

- Understand the importance of inclusive learning
- Understand the use of support programmes for individuals with SEND
- Understand the role of reasonable adjustments
- Understand Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCP)

Unit 5

Living with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

22

GLH

3

Credit
Value

In this unit learners will:

- Understand the concept of neurodiversity
- Understand the concept of the self
- Understand the impact of societal and cultural individuals with SEND
- Understand sources of support for individuals with SEND and their families.
- Understand the impact stigma has on individuals with SEND

Assessment

The course is assessed by a portfolio of evidence, containing:

- Case studies
- Experiences captured as part of your placement
- Assessor observations
- Details of activities undertaken

Also included in your package is free access to our complete suite of over 100 online continued professional development including:



- Safeguarding
- Online Safety
- Understanding Autism
- Mental Health Awareness
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Learner wellbeing
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- GDPR
- Plus many more, as well as regular workshops and podcasts

This is usually sold at a recommended retail price of £20 per course, and is **available to you for free**. Have a look at our course matrix for a list of courses.

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