

Essex County Council

2021/22 Certificate in Understanding Autism

What Qualification/level is this course?

This is an NCFE Level 3 Certificate

Who is the course for?

This qualification is designed for learners who want to increase their knowledge and understanding of autism. Successful completion of this qualification will allow learners to develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of autism, which would support progression onto appropriate qualifications and into employment within the health and social care sector.

This course is also suitable to those wishing to build confidence, those returning to work and those looking to improve their employment opportunities to build the skills required for working in the care sector.

What can I expect to learn?

Develop an understanding for areas such as how to adopt a positive approach to supporting individuals with autism, the current legislative framework relating to individuals with autism and how different theories have developed over time, how to support and manage transitions for individuals with autism, the range of therapeutic interventions and support available for individuals with autism and co-occurring Conditions, how to support communication and social interaction for individuals with autism, how to develop an understanding of how individuals with autism may be vulnerable and the support worker's role and responsibilities relating to safeguarding according to legislative requirements.

How will I learn?

An online course where learners will also be asked to carry out research and reflection for the subject area and will be directed to online tools and reputable websites. Learners must successfully demonstrate their achievement of all learning outcomes of the units.

How will I know how well I am doing?

Learners will have an assigned tutor who will communicate on the online platform and when needed telephone or Microsoft Teams.

Work will be regularly assessed and marked, and learners will be provided with encouraging developmental feedback.

Targets will be set at different stages of the course to enable learners to meet personal and course objectives.

Will I have to do any work at home?

We recommend at least 7 – 9 hours a week to complete research, reading and home study.

Typically, the course can be completed in 5 months.

What will I need to provide?

Learners will need to have access to a computer or device to enable them to visit the online platform to complete and submit work.

Telephone to enable tutor contact.

Pen/pad of paper for taking notes for example to use during one to one phone meetings.

Are there any other costs?

There are no other costs in addition to the course fee.

What can I do next?

The tutor will be happy to support and guide learners towards courses that will compliment current skills, needs, interests and current job role.

Learners may wish to consider the following:

- Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Mental Health Awareness
- Level 3 Certificate in End of Life Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Care and Management of Diabetes.

- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care (Adults)
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Healthcare Support Worker
- Level 4 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)
- Level 4 Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care (Adults).

Further information:

For information on all ACL courses please see <http://www.aclessex.com/>

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