

Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism (Online)

Dates:

Locations:

For Greater London residents, these courses can be funded if they earn less than the London Living Wage or otherwise do not already have a Level 3 qualification, alongside the standard residency requirements.

This course has a duration of 26 weeks and learners will develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of autism, which could support progression onto appropriate qualifications, and into relevant employment such as in the Health and Social Care sector.

Entry Requirements

An interview and English initial Assessment is required at the pre-enrolment stage. There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification, however, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 2 qualification in a related subject. You will need to know how to use and have access to a device such as; a computer, laptop or tablet due to the delivery of the course being online.

What topics does the course cover?

In this course, you will learn:

- 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
- The support workers role and responsibilities relating to safeguarding according to legislative requirements

How will I be taught and assessed?

You will be provided with online learning materials which covers all aspects of your course. You will be required to complete assessments for each of the units within the course and submit these by the deadline dates provided at induction. You will be allocated an assessor at the start of your course, and they will support you to ensure you have a successful outcome. IT skills will be developed throughout your course and basic English skills will be assessed and discussed on an ongoing basis.

Are there any other costs or equipment I need to get?

Have English at Level 2 and there will be an initial interview and English Initial Assessment to discuss the eligibility criteria. The course is free if you meet the eligibility criteria. You must be an ordinarily resident in England and be aged 19 or older on 31 August 2026. You must be aged 19 or older on 31 August 2026. You will need internet access so that you can respond to email and a digital device that will enable you to type your answers into a web-based platform. You will need to provide evidence of this in order to access this free course. If you are not eligible for a free course, you can still undertake the course and pay for it yourself or by taking out a learner loan.

By the end of the course what should I be able to do?

By completing the qualification, learners will develop an in-depth knowledge and an understanding of autism, which could support progression onto appropriate qualifications and into relevant employment in the Health and Social Care sector.

What are the progression opportunities following this course?

If you are interested in progressing to further study at the next level of vocational learning, the following qualifications are available:

- Level 3 or 4 Certificate or Diploma in Children's Workforce (Early Years Educator)
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care, Residential Childcare
- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools