We offer courses that will help you to gain a national qualification.

You can study at different levels according to your previous experience and qualifications. Here is a guide to progression, levels and qualifications:

Level 3

Learning at this level involves gaining detailed knowledge and skills. In some subjects it is the highest level of attainment for a national qualification. Some level 3 qualifications qualify you to work at supervisory level or enable you to access university degree courses.

 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools



Learning at this level is about the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area. Level 2 courses build on skills already developed to add to learner's knowledge in the subject.

This is appropriate for many job roles.

Level 2 qualifications in English and maths are required in order to gain a full certification in certain subjects such as those offered by City and Guilds.

Function skills qualifications allow the transfer of skills to all aspects of everyday life including work and learning. These qualifications are also relevant for English language learners.

Many employers require level 2 certificates in English and maths. NVQs at this level qualify you to work at an operational level.

- GCSE English and maths
- L2 teaching assistants
- L2 certificate in childcare
- ESOL L2 full qualification

Level 2



Level 1

Learning at this level is about activities which mostly relate to learning the skills needed on a day to day basis in the chosen subject. Some courses at this level offer national qualifications including functional skills as well as progression to level 2. These qualifications are also relevant for English language learners

Many jobs will expect workers to be competent to at least level 1.

- L1 Functional skills English and maths
- ESOL L1 full qualification



Entry Level

In maths, English and ESOL courses entry levels are divided into 3 levels. National qualifications are offered to all learners.

Entry level courses in other subjects develop basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning in everyday situations with some guidance. Family learning is a good way to access these courses.

Some courses offer a qualification at entry level. Progression is to a level 1 course.

- Introduction to computers
- Languages Spanish, Italian, Turkish
- Functional skills English and maths
- ESOL full qualification
- Preparation for British Citizenship
- Family learning

Pre Entry Level



No entry requirements and suitable for absolute beginners. These courses do not have exams but learners will work towards milestones in the pre-entry curriculum for either English or ESOL.

Learners are well supported in smaller groups. Progression is to entry 1 in Skills for Life maths and English and ESOL.

Family Learning courses offer a good entry point to this level.

- English pre-entry
- ESOL pre-entry
- Family learning