

Edexcel Level 4

BTEC Professional Diploma in Specialised Play for Sick Children and Young People

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Purpose of the qualification:

This qualification is intended for those who already hold a professional childcare qualification and either wish to work, or already work within the NHS and wish to become qualified Hospital Play Specialists. It is accredited onto the National Qualification Framework (NQF) and is therefore nationally recognised. Learners are required to have 3 years experience of working with children and be aged 20 or over upon entry to the course.

Play Specialists have a vital role within a multi-disciplinary team in decreasing the anxieties of the sick child, with the aim of reducing the harmful effects of stress and emotional trauma. They aim to speed the recovery process and to support a child and his/her family with a life limiting illness or chronic ill health.

Benefits for employers and individuals:

As a result of the partnership arrangement between Edexcel and the Hospital Play Staff Education Trust (HPSET, this qualification is recognised as the requirement for application for professional registration with the Hospital Play Staff Education Trust. Together, the qualification and professional registration form the recognised National Health Service (NHS) qualification and standard for hospital play staff.

The qualification underpins the National Service Competence Framework for Children's Services and is supported by Skills Active, the Sector Body for Playwork. This level 4 qualification also has the support of the Department of Health, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Paediatrics.

Hospital Play Specialists can work in a variety of settings e.g. Children's Wards, A&E Departments, X ray Departments, Operating Theatres, Orthopaedic and Spinal Injury Units, Intensive Care Units, Adolescent Units, Respite Care, Neonatal Units, Paediatric Services, Primary Care Trusts, Voluntary Organisations, in Community NHS and Educational Assessment Units.

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Qualification Content

The following table provides the unit titles. Typically students will be asked to produce a portfolio of work, a project and undertake various other shorter assignments. A large part of the course will be based on the vocational practice that learners undertake in the work setting.

Core units

Unit 1

Theory and Practice of Development and Play

Unit 2

Professional Practice for Hospital Play Specialists

Unit 3

Specialised Play in the Hospital and Community

Unit 4

Supporting Specific Needs through Play

Unit 5

Organisation and Management of Play Services

Unit 6

Hospital Play Project

The Role of the Hospital Play Staff Education Trust

The Hospital Play staff Education Trust (HPSET) is responsible for the registration of learners who have successfully completed the Edexcel level 4 BTEC Professional Diploma in Specialised Play for Sick Children and Young People. Registration with HPSET enables the qualified registrant to practise as a Hospital Play Specialist in a variety of settings. Periodic re-registration is required for all those who wish to remain in the field of Hospital Play.

Further details about HPSET can be obtained from the administrator by contacting

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Further Information for Prospective Candidates and Trusts employing prospective candidates:

For more information and a list of Edexcel centres currently approved to offer this qualification, please visit the Edexcel website at www.edexcel.org.uk/specialisedplay

Further Information for Prospective Centres:

If you are an employer, college or training provider who would like to find out more about becoming a centre to offer this qualification, please contact our Customer Services team on 0870 240 9800.

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