

Level 3 Award:

Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication



The Communication Trust
Every child understood

About the Level 3 Award

In 2011, The Communication Trust, in collaboration with City and Guilds, developed a robust continued professional development (CPD) qualification for people working with children and young people: the Level 3 Award Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication.

Who offers the Award?

The Level 3 Award sits on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and is currently accredited by 3 Awarding Organisations:

- CACHE (600/4257/6)
- Ascentis (600/8251/3)

Although the Communication Trust worked with City & Guilds to develop the Award and write the supporting materials, the Trust is not a training provider. However, The Trust is working with a number of training providers linked to CACHE and Ascentis to provide more opportunities for the children and young people's workforce to access this valuable qualification.

Face-to-face learning

There are a small number of training providers and local colleges who offer the Award via traditional face-to-face learning.

Platform 3

Platform 3 is an innovative, accessible and cost effective online learning route for delivering and undertaking this Level 3 Award.

Platform 3 offers a flexible approach to learning and assessment online, with learners supported by tutors to achieve their qualification at their own pace and in their own time, irrespective of where they're based in the country.

How to offer the Award?

The Communication Trust are now offering approved centres and training providers the opportunity to subscribe to use Platform 3 as a model of delivery, to offer the Award either entirely online or as a blended learning approach with some face to face or peer to peer support.

This Award enables the children's workforce to develop the knowledge and skills needed to support all children's speech, language and communication development and identify those who are struggling.

Structure of the Award

For successful completion of the Award learners must complete three units – two mandatory and one of a choice of four optional units. Each unit is 3 credits, apart from one of the optional units which is 4 credits.

Complete 2 mandatory units:

Unit 1	Support speech, language and communication development	3 credits
Unit 2	Support children and young people's speech, language and communication skills	3 credits

Choose 1 optional unit:

Unit 3	Support the speech, language and communication development of children who are learning more than one language	3 credits
Unit 4	Support positive practice with children and young people with speech, language and communication needs	4 credits
Unit 5	Understand the speech, language and communication needs of children and young people with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties	3 credits
Unit 6	Work with parents, families and carers to support their children's speech, language and communication development	3 credits

The Award includes learning outcomes and assessment criteria focusing on both skills and knowledge.

In order for a learner to gain accreditation, they must develop and submit a portfolio of evidence demonstrating that they have met the assessment criteria.

For more information on delivering or completing this Level 3 Award through Platform 3, please visit www.platform3online.org.uk. Or register your interest by emailing enquiries@thecommunicationtrust.org.uk