

Certificate in Understanding Autism

Level 2 ⋮ 180 TQT ⋮ 152 GLH

There are around 700,000 people on the autism spectrum in the UK – that's more than 1 in 100. According to the National Autistic Society, if you include their families, autism is a part of daily life for 2.8 million people. In fact, in the last thirty years the number of people diagnosed with autism has increased 25 fold. This is because of a general increased awareness of autism, improved diagnosis and the inclusion of a wider range of forms of autism, such as Asperger syndrome.

This increased awareness has led to many improvements. There are now many fantastic examples of well-informed, inclusive and empowering environments that enable individuals with autism to thrive. However, individuals with autism and their families continue to face many problems and challenges, and these need to be tackled.

Hallmark's learning resource for this qualification aims to develop the candidates understanding of autism and how they can support individuals with autism in a range of different contexts, whether they work in health, social care or children's or young people's settings

Who's it for?

This qualification is designed for learners who wish to develop an understanding of autism and how to support individuals with autism. It is useful for learners who provide direct support and those working in sectors such as: health and social care; education and training, and nursing. It will also be useful to those who support a family member or friend with autism.

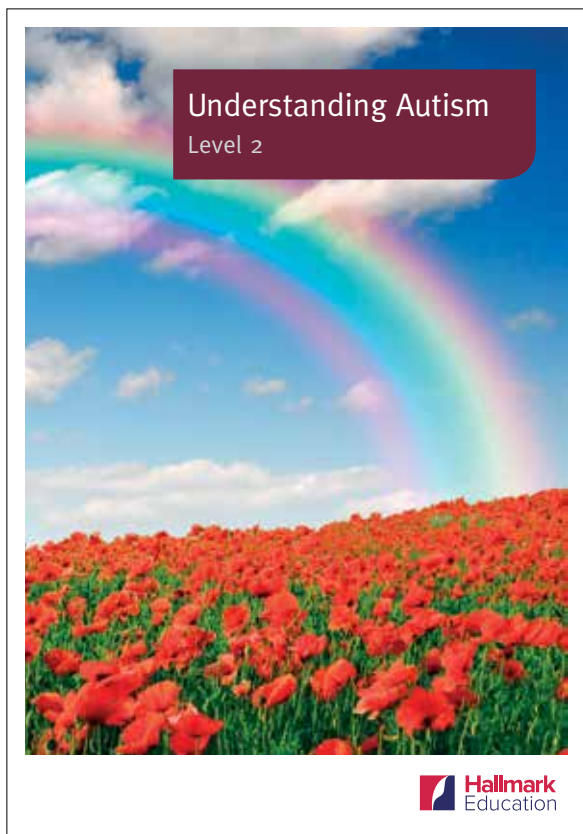
What are the benefits of doing this course?

As well as attaining a nationally recognised qualification upon completion, candidates will gain an understanding of the characteristics of the different forms of autism. They will then go on to explore the principles of supporting individuals with autism, such as using a person-centred approach and positive communication methods. Learners will gain an appreciation of how individuals with autism can be supported to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

The course also provides employers with a structured training programme that will meet the training needs of their employees, giving peace of mind that staff are equipped with the knowledge they need to effectively support individuals with autism.

A benefit of using Hallmark's flexible learning resources is that learners can complete the course at times and locations convenient to them.





Progression opportunities

By undertaking this programme, learners will be able to further their own continuous professional development, which may improve their career prospects. Learners may then wish to progress on to further qualifications, such as other courses in education or health and social care related subjects.

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Information for learning centres

Qualification reference number:

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Awarding organisation:

NCFE CACHE (see www.cache.org.uk)

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Course content

The Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism comprises six mandatory units that are presented in three concise module workbooks:

MODULE A

Unit 01: Introduction to autism

Unit 02: Using a person-centred approach to support individuals with autism

MODULE B

Unit 03: Communication and social interaction in individuals with autism

Unit 04: Sensory processing, perception and cognition in individuals with autism

MODULE C

Unit 05: Supporting positive behaviour in individuals with autism

Unit 06: Supporting individuals with autism to live healthy and fulfilled lives

Entry requirements

Learners should be aged 16 and over, but otherwise there are no specific entry requirements for this programme.

Course delivery and assessment

Hallmark publishes all the learning materials required to complete the qualification. These materials have been officially endorsed by the Awarding Organisation, NCFE CACHE. The learning materials comprise a set of high-quality knowledge workbooks that are designed to suit a range of delivery methods. Within these workbooks, learners have the opportunity to work through a series of reflective activities that are designed to reinforce the learning process and test their knowledge. The materials also include assessment booklets that allow learners to complete a portfolio of evidence and demonstrate their achievement of all the learning outcomes associated with each unit. Hallmark also provides a comprehensive tutor guide to support centres delivering this qualification.

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