

L1 QUALIFICATIONS IN INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SETTINGS

The OCNLR Qualifications in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings were developed in partnership with Skills for Care and Development in consultation with employers in the sector. They have been designed to develop knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare individuals for work in the health and social care sector.

The OCNLR Qualifications in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings can be achieved at Level 1 as either an Award or a Certificate.

Minimum age requirement: No specified minimum age, however centres are asked to think about the suitability of the qualification for those under 14.

Structure of the qualification:

The OCNLR Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings consists of 2 mandatory units and 7 optional units. In order to gain the Award the learner must achieve 10 credits at Level 1. 6 credits must be taken from the mandatory units **and a minimum of 4 credits must be taken from the optional units.**

The OCNLR Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings consists of 7 mandatory units and 16 optional units. In order to gain the Award the learner must achieve 25 credits at Level 1. 20 credits must be taken from the mandatory units and **a minimum of 5 credits must be taken from the optional units.**

Assessment process

The assessment process for the **OCNLR Qualifications in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings** is as follows:

- The learners are assessed through activities that are internally set by tutor assessors;
- The activities must be designed to enable learners to meet the assessment criteria of the unit;
- Learners' portfolios of assessed evidence must be internally verified at the Centre;
- The portfolios of assessed evidence will be externally verified by an OCN London Quality Reviewer.
- **There is no additional external assessment for this qualification.**

Verification Process

Centre devised assessments should be scrutinised by the Internal Verifier before use to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Centre devised assessments will be scrutinised by the External Verifier to ensure reliability and validity of assessment.

Marking assessment activities

Each activity must be marked against the identified assessment criteria in the unit and judged to be either achieved or not achieved.

Assessors need to ensure that the work in a learner's portfolio is:

- Authentic – it is the result of the learners own performance or activity;
- Sufficient – enabling the assessor to make a consistent and reliable judgement;
- Adequate – appropriate to the level.

Where a series of activities are set, learners must demonstrate the achievement of the required standard identified in the assessment criteria in all activities. All of the assessment criteria in a unit must be met before the unit is deemed achieved.

The unit achievement is not graded. Units are either achieved or not achieved.

Standardisation

It is a requirement of the Centre Recognition process that each centre offering the units from the qualification must contribute assessment materials and learners' evidence for standardisation if requested.

OCN London will notify centres of the required sample for standardisation purposes and assessment materials, learners' evidence and tutor feedback may be collected by Quality Reviewers. Outcomes from standardisation will be made available

Requirements for assessors

Assessors of the qualifications are expected to be:

Sufficiently (Occupationally) competent

In addition to being qualified to make assessment decisions, each assessor must be capable of carrying out the full requirements within the competency of the units they are assessing. This occupational competence should be maintained annually through clearly demonstrable continuing learning and professional development.

Expert witnesses can be used where they have suitable expertise for specialist areas.

Sufficiently (Occupationally) knowledgeable

Each assessor should possess relevant knowledge and understanding, and be able to assess this in units designed to test specific knowledge and understanding, or in units where knowledge and understanding are components of competency.

Methods of Assessment:

Each method of assessment identified by OCN London is described in Appendix A of the OCN London Qualification Guide. This includes recommended word limits for extended written tasks.

Currently some methods of assessment is either prescribed or optional for mandatory units.

OCN require that the assessments methods used by the centre match the requirements of the unit.

Assessors must ensure that **all of the assessment criteria in a unit must be met before the unit is deemed achieved.**



This is a pass/ fail qualification which should be reflected on SIMS. Perhaps a colour coding system could be used to indicate solid pass, probable pass and borderline pass/fail and definite fail.

