

Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (online) Roll on/Roll off

Location	Online
Course Type	Adult
Department	Childcare & Education
Start Date	Tuesday 1st August 2023
Duration	Part-time, 1 Year
Time	00:00 - 00:00
Fee	£ 362.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	XPQ-AY2C-1100

Course Overview

Adverse circumstances can have a negative impact on anyone's life, but children and young people are particularly vulnerable. They might face difficult circumstances such as the death or divorce of parents, domestic violence, or national and international disasters. These types of adverse childhood experiences can have an impact on their development and mental health, which may continue into adulthood and affect their life chances.

The course is delivered remotely and runs over 8 weeks with 3 hours of scheduled contact time each week. You will be assigned a subject specialist course tutor who will deliver the live scheduled sessions. The qualification is internally assessed using a range of methods including written assignments or tasks and weekly support will be available to guide you from the beginning to the completion of your qualification.

Course Requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this qualification however learners should be aged 19 and over, have a genuine interest in this subject and have Functional Skills in English at grade 1 or GCSE grade 3 or above.

What You Will Learn

This fully online course will give you the skills you need to support children and young people affected by adverse childhood experiences. You will gain insight into how to strengthen their resilience and empower them to overcome the challenges they face.

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods including written assignments or tasks such as designing a leaflet or poster, charts, using case studies or a workbook.

Progression

This course doesn't lead to a specific job role but provides CPD of new knowledge and skills and supports the practitioner role within the workplace.

On successful completion learners could progress to the following qualification:

Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care.

Career Options

A Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is a valuable qualification that can open up several career options in fields related to child welfare, mental health, education, social work, and counselling. While it may not be as specialised as a degree, it provides a foundation for understanding the impact of ACEs on individuals and communities. Here are some career options you can consider after completing this course:

Child Protective Services (CPS) Worker: As a CPS worker, you may be responsible for assessing and ensuring the safety of children who are at risk due to ACEs or other factors. Your understanding of ACEs can help you make more informed decisions and recommendations for these children and their families.

Social Worker: Social workers provide a range of services to individuals and families in need, including those affected by ACEs. Your knowledge can help you assess, support, and advocate for individuals dealing with trauma.

Counsellor or Therapist: With additional training and education, you can become a counsellor or therapist specialising in trauma and ACEs. This role involves providing therapy and support to individuals who have experienced adverse childhood experiences.

Educator: Understanding ACEs can be beneficial for educators, as it allows them to better support students who may be dealing with trauma. You could work as a teacher, school counsellor, or educational support specialist.

Mental Health Technician: Mental health technicians work in psychiatric hospitals, clinics, or residential treatment facilities, assisting individuals with mental health challenges, which may include trauma-related issues.

Healthcare Professional: Nurses, doctors, and other healthcare professionals can benefit from an understanding of ACEs when treating patients who have experienced trauma. This knowledge can improve patient care and outcomes.

Case Manager: Case managers help individuals access services and resources to address their needs, including those related to ACEs. Your knowledge can assist in developing and implementing care plans.

Victim Advocate: Victim advocates work with individuals who have experienced trauma, including victims of abuse, neglect, or violence. Your understanding of ACEs can help you support and advocate for these individuals.

Research Assistant: If you have a strong interest in research, you can work as a research assistant on projects related to ACEs, trauma, and child development. This role involves data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Community Outreach Worker: Community outreach workers help connect individuals and families with social services and resources. Understanding ACEs can inform your approach to reaching out to at-risk populations.

Non-profit Organization Staff: Many non-profit organisations focus on child welfare and mental health. Your knowledge of ACEs could be valuable in roles related to program development, advocacy, or community outreach.

Parenting Educator: You could work as a parenting educator, providing guidance and support to parents on how to create a safe and nurturing environment for their children, especially those who have experienced ACEs.

Remember that while a Level 2 Certificate is a good starting point, some of these roles may require further education or additional certifications. It's also essential to gain practical experience and stay updated on best practices in the field of trauma-informed care and ACEs. Networking and volunteering can help you connect with professionals in your chosen field and gain relevant experience.

Mandatory Units

Unit 1 - Exploring childhood and family structure

Unit 2 - Introduction to adverse childhood experiences

Unit 3 - Developing strategies to improve outcomes for children affected by adverse childhood experiences

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