

Edexcel Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills (QCF)

QRN: 500/9578/X



This qualification can be found on the Register of Regulated Qualifications at:
http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Qualification/Details/500_9578_X

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with Skills for Health, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the General Pharmaceutical Council to guide and assess the development of knowledge and skills relating to the health workforce in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This qualification confirms competence in a range of skills undertaken by a pharmacy technician or pharmacy assistant, including:

- Providing an effective and responsive pharmacy service
- Processing pharmaceutical queries
- Receiving prescriptions from individuals
- Confirming prescription validity
- Assembling and issuing prescribed items
- Ordering, receiving, maintaining and issuing pharmaceutical stock
- Preparing extemporaneous medicines for personal use.

This qualification will form part of the requirements for registration as a pharmacy technician. Learners usually do this with the EDEXCEL BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (QRN#500/9939/5).

This qualification has been developed to replace QRN#100/2615/0 EDEXCEL Level 3 NVQ in Pharmacy Services. Registrations on the NVQ have now closed. The final certification date is 31/08/2013.

Important dates

Accreditation start date: 01/06/2010 (registration opens)

Operational start date in centres: 01/09/2010

Funding

This qualification is supported by the Sector Skills Council (Skills for Health) for funding purposes.

For information on funding for 14-19 year old learners in England please refer to the Department for Education's Section 96 website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/section96/>

For information on funding for 19+ learners in England please refer to the Skills Funding Agency website: <http://qcf.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/qcf-funding/confirmationfunding/>

The Database of Approved Qualifications in Wales contains details of all qualifications which have been put forward for funding. For more information please visit:

<http://www.daqw.org.uk/>

For information on the funding of qualifications in Northern Ireland please visit the following websites: <http://www.deni.gov.uk/> or <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/funding-support.htm>

Qualification requirements

- Learners must be 16+ years and in relevant employment or work placement
- Learners must achieve at least 75 credits from mandatory and optional units
- Guided learning hours will range from 344-352 depending on choice of units
- Learners must achieve 14 Mandatory Units
- Learners must achieve at least 3 Optional Units
- Learners can then take additional units from a separate group for continuing professional development
- A minimum of 65 credits must be achieved at or above QCF Level 3.

Group A: 14 Mandatory Units

Group B: choice of 3 Optional Units

Group C: 3 Additional Units (optional)

Assessment

- Units must be assessed according to the *Pharmacy Services Assessment Strategy*, a copy of which can be found in the specification document
- All practical elements of units must be assessed in the workplace and not by simulation, unless otherwise specified in the unit
- Knowledge elements/units can be assessed using a variety of assessment methods
- All centres must have internal verification processes in place. A lead verifier will also be appointed at each centre and will have to complete training set by Edexcel. All centres will be externally verified by an Edexcel Standards Verifier.

Additional Resources and Publications

The BTEC Apprenticeship Assessment Workbook and *The BTEC Apprenticeship Delivery Guide* are to be published by Pearson.

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