



Level 2 Forest School Assistant Award (accredited by NCFE)

This is designed for those who would like to qualify as Forest School assistants and assist a qualified Level 3 Forest School practitioner and/or lead outdoor play and learning sessions. It is designed to develop the skills, competence and confidence in delivering outdoor learning. The award requirements include assisting a qualified Forest School Practitioner for 3 sessions, and planning and delivering 3 outdoor learning sessions with a group.

Please note this is NOT a Level 3 qualification and does not qualify you to run Forest School sessions with tools, large shelter building or fire.

What are the requirements?

- You must be over 18 with experience of working with children and young people.
- You must be of a reasonable physical fitness.
- You are required to have a 2 day first aid qualification either before training or to complete one before completing the qualification.
- You will need to be able to access a qualified Level 3 practitioner to help plan and deliver 3 Forest School sessions and be able to do your observations
- You are also required to have access to a group to run 3 outdoor learning sessions in your setting grounds.
- You are asked to keep to the deadlines set for your course. Failure to do so may mean having to reapply and pay for training. Please see the Candidate Information Pack.

What does the course cover?

- Health and safety aspects of working outside with a group.
- Basic woodland ecology
- Forest School site development
- Risk assessment and management
- Activity and craft ideas using natural resources
- Woodland skills including fire lighting, den building and tool use
- Supporting children's learning
- Assisting with the planning and delivery of 3 Forest School sessions
- Planning and delivering 3 outdoor learning sessions using Forest school principles
- Observing and reflecting on child development and also your own development as a practitioner.

How is the course assessed?

- Through attending the practical skills assessment day
- Assisting with 3 Forest School sessions
- Delivering 3 outdoor learning sessions using Forest School principles
- Completing a small workbook.

This is an exciting and practical course. You will be outside in the woods all day every day, and will be provided with a recommended kitlist upon booking. You will also be sent a Candidate Information Pack. To book a place, please contact us, download a booking form and send it in with a 50% deposit or full payment.

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