Certificate in Specialist Practice in Positive Behaviour Support

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Developing the knowledge and skills to deliver high-quality, person centred support

This BTEC Certificate in Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) offers practitioners who provide direct support the opportunity to deepen their understanding of PBS and strengthen their everyday practice.

The qualification is suitable for practitioners working in health, social care or education and combines practical workplace learning with contemporary, values-led Positive Behaviour Support approaches.



With an emphasis on putting learning into practice, the qualification supports learners to work alongside the people they support to identify opportunities to improve quality of life, strengthen support and reduce distress.

Learners develop confidence in working preventatively and recognise that behaviours of concern often arise when environments, communication or support approaches are not working well for the person.

Why this qualification matters

Positive Behaviour Support focuses on:

- Improving quality of life.
- Understanding the reasons behind distress and behaviours of concern.
- Creating capable and supportive environments.
- Strengthening communication, relationships and participation.
- Reducing restrictive and reactive approaches.
- Supporting meaningful and lasting change.

The qualification promotes rights-based, person centred support that focuses on helping people thrive — not simply managing behaviour.

At a glance

> Level 4 Certificate.
> 150 learning hours.
> Workplace-focused learning and assessment.
> Online self-directed learning combined with live tutorials and lectures.
> Strong Tier 1 PBS focus.
> Small supportive learning groups.
> Experienced tutors.
> Practical tools and strategies.
> Members discount available.

Why choose this qualification?

Workplace-focused learning

Assignments are based around real practice and can be applied directly within the learner's own service.

Strong Tier 1 PBS focus

Develop practical skills in creating capable and supportive environments, active support, communication and wellbeing.

Small supportive learning groups

Interactive sessions with opportunities for discussion, reflection and peer learning.

Experienced tutors

Learn from tutors with practical expertise in PBS, active support, practice leadership and quality improvement.

Practical tools and strategies

Use assessment tools, observation methods and improvement planning approaches that can immediately support better practice.

Core areas of learning

Key themes of the qualification include:

- Understanding behaviours of concern.
- Human rights, values and quality of life.
- Positive Behaviour Support frameworks.
- Developing capable and supportive environments.
- Active Support.
- Communication and inclusive approaches.
- Rapport and positive relationships.
- Choice, control and participation.
- Sensory needs and environmental factors.
- Trauma informed and low-arousal approaches.
- Supporting functional assessment and intervention.
- Behaviour Support Plans.
- Monitoring outcomes and evaluating impact.
- Tier 1 preventative strategies.

Progression

This qualification is the first step towards developing practice leadership in Positive Behaviour Support and can support progression to:

- senior practitioner roles;
- PBS coaching and mentoring roles;
- workforce development pathways;
- the Pearson BTEC Level 5 Diploma in Practice Leadership in Positive Behaviour Support.

Who is this qualification for?

Suitable for practitioners working in:

- social care;
- health services;
- education;
- community services;

particularly those who:

- support people experiencing distress or behaviours of concern;
- want to improve support quality and reduce restrictive approaches;
- are developing skills in PBS implementation;
- aspire to practice leadership or senior practitioner roles.

The qualification is particularly suitable for aspiring practice leaders who will support and coach colleagues to implement PBS effectively in practice.

Interested in finding out more?

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> Course dates.
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