

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Peer Mentoring

The Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in Peer Mentoring introduces the skills, qualities and knowledge required to support and nurture other workers, volunteers, placement, and work experience students within the social care sector. The course comprises 4 compulsory units, and takes approximately 60 hours to complete. This includes time spent with tutors, time spent doing tasks and assessments, and time spent practicing your skills.



Peer mentoring involves one-to-one, non-judgmental relationships between people in similar jobs, often with similar shared experience. Peer mentors offer support from a position of real understanding. Mentoring programmes range from focused supervision to informal 'buddying' schemes. Effective peer mentoring gives everyone opportunities to learn and develop valuable skills and qualities, benefitting both themselves and others. This qualification adds credibility to peer mentoring roles, recognising mentors' valuable contribution to non-formal teaching and learning.

- Develop knowledge about the principles of peer mentoring, including the roles, responsibilities and implications of being a peer mentor.
- Develop skill and qualities needed to be an effective peer mentor, including communication and presentation skills, self-evaluation, and how to use feedback well.
- Learn how to prepare and deliver peer monitoring programme which meet your mentee's needs.
- Achieve a nationally-recognised Level 2 qualification.
- Develop your own personal growth and engagement in learning.

Thanks to Skills for Care, this course is free for qualifying social care staff during 2019.

The course is suitable for care-workers, outreach workers, and others whose job involves supporting and nurturing colleagues (including volunteers), especially those who are new to the sector or who face additional challenges accessing work. No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required.

Employing organisations must support their employee's application, guarantee them support needed to both participate in the course and fulfil a mentoring role, and commit to values based recruitment.