

# Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills

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Edexcel is pleased to provide an update on the development of a new suite of qualifications designed for the teacher, tutor, trainer, instructor or lecturer in the Lifelong Learning sector.

These qualifications have been built specifically for the two teaching roles in the sector, identified by the Sector Skills Council, Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK):

### **The full teaching role**

This represents the full range of responsibilities performed by those who are expected to attain the status of Qualified Teacher Learning & Skills (QTLS).

### **The associate teacher role**

This contains fewer teaching responsibilities.

The qualifications are made up of the units of assessment that underpin the role specifications and clearly set out the learning outcomes and assessment criteria that new teachers, trainers and tutors are expected to achieve.

### **Choice of qualifications available**

- Edexcel Level 3 and 4 BTEC Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning sector - accredited (six credits)
- Edexcel Level 3 and 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning sector - approved, awaiting final accreditation (min 24 Credits)
- Edexcel Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning sector - accredited (120 credits)
- Edexcel Level 5 Diplomas in teaching skills for life in the Lifelong Learning sector - under development (120 credits).

All new staff in the Learning and Skills sector whose main role is teaching, training or tutoring will be required to work towards gaining Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status from September 2007.

## Edexcel Level 3 and 4 BTEC Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning sector

This comprises of a six credit unit. Learners can choose the level appropriate to their experience and needs. This qualification is currently available as a pilot for 2006/07.

### Who should take this qualification?

This introductory award is a pre-service/new-entrant qualification for anyone wanting to enter teaching or training in the Lifelong Learning sector. This includes those working in:

- community-based learning and development programmes
- employment and work-based learning
- teaching and training in the further education sector.

### What does this qualification cover?

This qualification consists of one unit with 30 guided learning hours requiring at least 30 hours of self-directed study and observed practice or microteaching.

## Edexcel Level 3 and 4 BTEC Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning sector

### Who should take this qualification?

This qualification is suitable for associate teachers who predominantly teach in at least one of the following ways:

- from packs/pre-prepared materials
- on a one-to-one basis
- a programme confined to a particular subject/level/type of learner
- short courses.

### What does this qualification cover?

This qualification comprises three mandatory units worth 18 credits and optional units to the value of at least six credits, making a total of 24 credits. There is also a requirement for 30 hours of teaching practice with some observation.

## Edexcel Level 5 BTEC Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning sector

### Who should take this qualification?

This qualification is suitable for those in a full teaching role who teach:

- using materials they have designed and evaluated
- across a range of levels, subjects and learner types
- across or contribute to a range of programmes of varying lengths.

### What does the qualification cover?

This qualification is offered at Level 4 and 5. At this time we have the mandatory units developed and there are a limited range of option units. There is also a requirement for 150 hours of teaching practice, with some observation.

### How will the qualifications/units be assessed?

Edexcel's Level 3 - 5 BTEC qualifications making up the Teacher Qualification Framework are assessed through a portfolio and observation. They are externally quality assured in accordance with the current practice applied to Edexcel's BTEC qualifications at this level.

### Further support

Edexcel also plans to offer a range of skills for life teaching qualifications later in 2007. These are currently in the early stages of development.

### Tutor support materials

Edexcel has developed candidate and tutor support materials, including a candidate handbook with each registration and an accompanying CD Rom for the Level 3 and 4 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning sector qualifications. It is planned that similar material will be available to purchase for the mandatory units for the Certificate and Diploma qualifications.

Centre Guidance on delivery is available free of charge to all approved Edexcel centres.

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