

# LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE ASSESSING VOCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Subject Area  
Student Type  
Study Mode

Education & Training  
Adults  
Online Learning

## What is the course about?

These assessment qualifications are designed for people working in, or looking to enter roles in assessment of learners. They are open to people carrying out assessments in most learning environments which include FE, Adult Continuing Learning, Employers and Third Sector. They are designed for anyone assessing in all occupational sectors which includes accredited learning and non-accredited learning.

Each course will consist of 6 underpinning knowledge sessions for unit 301, followed by workshops and tutorials and assessments for unit 302 or 303.

## Why should I choose the course?

If you are currently working in a role which involves assessing others, or would like to secure employment in this area, this qualification will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need.

## What will I learn?

The course is designed for practitioners who assess knowledge and/or skills in vocationally-related subject areas who are able to demonstrate the use of the following assessment methods for assessments in the work environment;

observation examining work product, oral questioning and discussion, use of others (witness testimony), learner statement and RPL, and also for assessments in simulated environments; skills tests, oral and written questions, assignments, projects, case studies and RPL.

- Unit 301 - This is a knowledge only award unit which is for those who need to have a knowledge and understanding about assessment processes but are not currently practising (e.g. aspiring assessors or quality managers). 3 credits
- Unit 302 - This practical based unit for those who are assessing the achievement of competence in the work environment using the following methods; observation examining work product, oral questioning and discussion, use of others (witness testimony), learner statement and RPL. 6 credits
- Unit 303 - This practical based unit is for those who are assessing achievement in vocationally related situations (e.g. classrooms or workshops) and use the following methods; assessments in simulated environments, skills tests, oral and written questions, assignments, projects, case studies and RPL. 6 credits

The qualification can be structured to meet your individual needs and will be assessed in your workplace, as well as at college; through Assignment, short answer questions, Observation and professional discussion to support your portfolio building. The course duration is between 6 and 12 months, and is assessed by assignment and written questions and you will also be



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observed and assessed by the TAQA tutor within your workplace on at least 4 occasions. You will be required to attend 1:1 tutorials with your tutor.

## What will the course lead on to?

After completing this course, you could progress on to the Level 4 Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice award to expand your skills and knowledge further.

## Are there any links with industry and university?

The assessment planning and observations may be carried out in a realistic working environment and you must be able to carry out assessments of vocational skills, knowledge and understanding

## What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Here at Warrington & Vale Royal College we have a team of dedicated, experienced staff who can share their extensive knowledge and skills with you. Learning in a friendly and inclusive environment, you will be fully supported to achieve your goals.

## What are the entry requirements?

In order to undertake the practical units, you will need access to two learners to work with for both the work environment unit (302) and the vocational unit (303). You will also need a countersigning assessor/mentor whilst you are in training and access to the quality assurer for the programme you are working on. This can be for any accredited or non-accredited qualification. However, a robust quality assurance system should be in place if using standard operating procedures within an organisation, as the quality assurer will need to be involved in the process. Please complete the learning agreement prior to interview.

## What are my funding options?

For information on funding please contact Learner Services on 01925 494400 or email [learner.services@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:learner.services@wvr.ac.uk)



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# Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There are no additional costs associated with this course, but you may wish to purchase the course book *Achieving your TAQA Assessor & Quality Assurer Award* by Ann Gravells.



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