

Purpose Statement

Level 1 Award and Certificate in Introductory Conservation Skills

The primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare you for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area. The practical nature of the units will introduce you to the conservation sector and give you some of the practical skills and knowledge required to pursue a related career. The qualifications will lead to the development of skills which are necessary to protect the UK's natural environment and includes activities designed to develop skills relevant for managing our landscapes, habitats, species and access to our countryside.

Who is it for?

- Learners who are starting to think about future employment opportunities in Conservation
- Learners who have been disengaged from learning and are exploring opportunities for further learning and employment

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete 11 credits and commit to 110 hours of learning. To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 16 credits and commit to 160 hours of learning.

You will need to complete a mandatory unit:

- Health and Safety in Environmental Studies

You will then have a choice of units from Optional Unit Group B and

- Optional Unit Group C. Examples of units include:
- Carry Out a Woodland Survey
- Conduct and Report on a Field Survey for Habitat Types
- Ecology and Conservation
- Environmental Awareness
- Teamwork in Environmental Studies
- Introduction to Wildlife and Conservation
- Communication in the Workplace
- Working as Part of a Group

What are the Entry Requirements?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 11+.

There are no other restrictions on learner entry and no specific prior achievements required.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The Open Awards Entry Level Award in Introductory Conservation Skills (Entry 3) have been specifically developed to enable progression to a higher level qualification, including:

- Level 2 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (RQF)

You may also choose to progress onto an Apprenticeship.

An Apprenticeship is a practical programme designed to support progression into sustainable employment and includes:

- Paid employment
- Work related training
- Maths/English

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been reviewed with and is supported by training providers and Further Education Colleges.