

Title: Open Awards Level 3 End-point Assessment for ST0896 Peer Worker

Route: Health and Science

Typical Duration

15 months

Maximum Funding

£5000

National Level

Level 3

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements but apprentices must have lived experience relevant to the role.

Any Mandatory Qualifications?

Apprentices without English or maths GCSE at grade A* to C or equivalent must achieve Level 2 approved English or maths qualifications (either Functional Skills Level 2 or GCSE).

For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement the apprenticeships English and Maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3 and British Sign Language qualification are an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language.

There are no other mandatory qualifications for this standard although lived experience relevant to the role is essential.

For the observation of practice with questions and the professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence, the apprentice will be required to submit a portfolio of evidence to meet gateway requirements.

On-programme Stage

During this stage the apprentice is employed within their chosen context e.g. health, NHS, justice, housing or private provider of specialist services. They will complete both on-the-job and off-the-job training and learning, which should enable them to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out within the apprenticeship standard.

Role Profile

This occupation is found in a range of services that embed peer-led roles within third sector, community, social enterprise and statutory sectors, including the NHS, health, justice, housing, and private providers of specialist services. Peer support has a long history in social justice, human rights and community action. The occupation is unique in that it is only open to those who have expertise through lived experience.

Peer Workers support individuals across all age groups who may be experiencing a range of challenges including: mental health crises, long term conditions, addiction problems and rough sleeping. The broad purpose of this occupation is to work alongside other professionals in hospital, justice and community settings, providing peer support for individuals using knowledge gained from their own lived experience of health or social problems and/or using services.

Peer Workers support individuals to build skills through modelling, signposting, and self-advocacy. They work directly with individuals, enabling them to find their own ways of understanding their circumstances in order to move forward. Using knowledge from their own lived experiences of challenges, accessing support and navigating a range of services, a Peer Worker can provide purposeful and safe disclosure of their personal experiences to share and model self-help and self-management skills.

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Completion and Certification

Open Awards will issue a summary of results following successful completion of all End-point Assessment (EPA) requirements. Open Awards will also request the apprenticeship completion certificate on behalf of an apprentice once they have completed their apprenticeship.

How Will the Learner Be Assessed?

This EPA has 2 different assessment methods:

- observation of practice with questions
- professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence

The result from each assessment method is combined to decide the overall apprenticeship grade.

Progression

Apprentices who successfully achieve this apprenticeship could progress into employment as carers, peer support workers, lived experience practitioners, peer care navigators, peer coaches, peer link workers, peer mentors and peer support workers. They may also progress onto further study to become a learning mentor, team leader or supervisor, coaching professional, nursing associate or registered nurse.



Why Choose Open Awards Qualified?

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Building on this expertise, we have become an End-point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) for a growing number of apprenticeship standards in England approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE).

Our EPAO number is: EPA0565

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