



BTEC INTERNATIONAL LEVEL 5 AND LEVEL 7

Professional Qualifications in Applied Teaching and Education

Qualifications to enhance vocational and
higher education teaching and leadership





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Designed to boost teaching and develop future leaders

Whether you need to upskill early career or new teachers or want to challenge your most experienced educators, our applied teaching qualifications fit perfectly. Because, by building their expertise, they will have more power to change learners' lives.



The **BTEC International Level 5 Professional Diploma** is designed for those currently working in or intending to work in the teaching and education sector. The focus is on practical teaching skills, vocational and technical education, and inclusive practice.

The **BTEC International Level 7 Professional Qualification** is aimed at experienced educators seeking advanced applied theory and reflective practice, preparing them for leadership roles and academic progression. The Diploma is equivalent to a master's degree.



Enhance vocational pedagogy



Deliver inclusive education



Develop future leaders



Support teacher progression



BTEC International Level 5 Professional Diploma in Applied Teaching and Education

Purpose

The qualification is designed for learners to:

- develop a greater understanding of higher level technical and vocational training, teaching and learning pedagogy through advanced teaching topics like action research, creative approaches, independent learning and digital learning.
- gain an understanding of teaching and learning in vocational qualifications (for example evaluation in relation to learner performance) and build upon existing professional practice.
- gain wider knowledge on aspects of higher level technical and vocational planning, delivery and assessment of inclusive teaching and learning.
- expand knowledge related to delivering and assessing qualifications in vocational education.
- build skills in being adaptable to be able to meet the changing demands of employers in the vocational education sector.
- develop their own personal growth and engagement in learning.

Delivery model and teaching approach

The qualification:

- Emphasises practical, hands-on learning, and immediate classroom application.
- Includes lesson planning, digital pedagogies, and professional practice.
- Assessment through practical assignments and reflective practice.

Structure and content

- Learners will study five mandatory units and two optional units, making up 720 Guided Learning Hours (GLH), 1200 Notional Learning Hours (NLH).



LEVEL 5 Diploma

Mandatory Units

1. Teaching my Subject
2. Learners and Learning
3. Teachers and Teaching
4. Professional Practice
5. Effective Digital and Online Pedagogies

Optional Units (Learners Choose two)

- Action Research
- Understanding the Principles and Practices of Quality Assurance in Assessment
- Developing Creative Approaches to Teaching and Learning
- Promote Independent Learning
- Teaching in a Specialist Area

Assessment, progression and outcomes

Learners are assessed through a mix of practical assignments and reflective practice.

With this Level 5 Diploma, educators will be prepared to progress into advanced teaching roles. They could also choose to pursue further study, such as the Level 7 Diploma.



Learn more

Discover all the details of the Level 5 Diploma, including the content of each unit of study, in the specification.

[Level 5 Specification](#)

BTEC International Level 7 Professional Qualification in Applied Teaching and Education

Purpose

The qualification is designed for learners to:

- develop knowledge related to delivering and assessing qualifications in higher education.
- build skills in being adaptable to be able to meet the changing demands of employers in the higher education sector.
- learn about pedagogy, self-reflection and what is necessary to achieve high performance in the global higher education market.
- develop their own personal growth and engagement in learning.

Delivery model and teaching approach

The qualification:

- Centres on advanced theoretical frameworks, critical analysis, and research-based practice.
- Requires substantial independent research and critical reflection.
- Assessment includes research projects, critical essays, and reflective writing.

Structure and content

- Learners will study multiple mandatory units, with additional optional/specialist units for the Diploma pathway.
- Higher Notional Learning Hours (NLH) per unit, reflecting greater depth and complexity.
- There are different unit requirements for the Certificate and Diploma.



LEVEL 7

Certificate

Mandatory Units

1. Theories, Principles and Models in Vocational Education and Training
2. Student Learning Approaches
3. Designing for Learning

Optional Units (Learners Choose two)

- Employability and Preparing Graduates for Industry
- Contemporary Issues in Vocational Education and Training
- Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning
- Vocational and Technical Teaching and Learning
- Leadership and Management in Education

LEVEL 7

Diploma

Mandatory Units

1. Theories, Principles and Models in Vocational Education and Training
2. Student Learning Approaches
3. Designing for Learning
4. Reflective Practice
5. Research Project
6. Research Methods in Teaching and Learning

Optional Units (Learners Choose two)

- Employability and Preparing Graduates for Industry
- Contemporary Issues in Vocational Education and Training
- Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning
- Vocational and Technical Teaching and Learning
- Leadership and Management in Education

Assessment, progression and outcomes

Learners are assessed through a mix of research projects, critical essays and reflective writing.

With the Level 7 Qualifications, educators will be prepared to move into **leadership, research, and academic roles**. They can also progress to **other higher degrees** (e.g., MBA, other master's programmes).



[Learn more](#)

Discover all the details of the Level 7 Qualification, including the content of each unit of study, in the specification.

[Level 7 Specification](#)

Choose the right qualification for your learners

This table outlines the key differences between the qualifications available.

Aspect	Level 5 Professional Diploma	Level 7 Professional Certificate	Level 7 Professional Diploma
Level	Undergraduate (Foundation Degree equivalent)	Postgraduate	Postgraduate (Master's equivalent)
Focus	Practical teaching skills, applied pedagogy	Advanced theory, research, leadership	Advanced theory, research, leadership
Assessment	Practical assignments, reflective practice	Research projects, critical essays, reflective writing	Research projects, critical essays, reflective writing
Target Audience	New/aspiring teachers, vocational educators	Experienced educators, aspiring leaders	Experienced educators, aspiring leaders
Progression	To Level 7 or advanced teaching roles	To complete the Level 7 Diploma	To MBA, Master's, or senior leadership roles



Delivering with excellence

We support you to deliver these qualifications effectively through a comprehensive professional development Train the Trainer Programme.

If your centre signs up to offer either Level 5 or Level 7 in Applied Teaching and Education you must enrol your internal trainers, who will deliver the qualifications, for the relevant Train the Trainer Programme*. This provides the assurance that these professional qualifications will be implemented with fidelity, leading to a good experience and successful outcomes for your learners.

Professional development objectives

Available for both Level 5 and Level 7 in Applied Teaching and Education, the Train the Trainer Programme offers participants an invaluable insight into these qualifications. It will act as a springboard for your trainers to develop and deliver the programme successfully and equip them with the right skills, knowledge, behaviours and mindset to deliver it with ease and confidence.

Outcomes

This professional development programme provides you with a cost-effective vehicle to scale up internal training delivery tailored to your organisation's needs. The result is a competent training team providing high levels of consistency in delivery.

Specifically, your trainers will be:

- Equipped with the practical skills, competencies and mindset required to create engaging, interactive sessions and programmes for your learners.
- Inspired and empowered to deliver the BTEC International Level 5 and Level 7 Professional Qualifications in Applied Teaching and Education effectively by practicing and improving on existing knowledge, skill base and behaviours.
- Prepared to successfully submit and carry out an end point assessment, giving you the passport to deliver these qualifications.



How it works

The relevant specification is used as the foundation for the Train the Trainer Programme. Participants embark on a **practical development journey** with the Level 5 or Level 7 Applied Teaching Qualification at its core.

Over the course of the programme, participants will **build their skills and knowledge base** with activities and approaches **designed to be adapted for use during the actual delivery** of the qualification.

Participants will gain a **clear understanding of the qualification** and learn the **best practices** for successful delivery and outcomes.

Course content

The Train the Trainer Programme for each qualification is built bespoke to your centre. It's designed to build the core knowledge, skills and techniques, and teaching approaches participants need to effectively deliver each qualification to your learners.

LEVEL 5

Diploma

Content

- Getting to know each other and our expectations
- Team and trust building
- Manage the group and the space
- Use of questions
- Group dynamics
- Training design

End Point Assessment

- Preparation, design and delivery of an interactive online training session from a section of the Level 5 Diploma Programme.

LEVEL 7

Certificate and Diploma Programme

Content

- Getting to know each other and our expectations
- Team and trust building
- Manage the group and the space
- Communication
- Group dynamics
- Training design
- Continuous coaching and support

End Point Assessment

- Preparation, design and delivery of an interactive online training session from a section of the Level 7 Certificate and Diploma Programme.
- Professional discussion around the learning throughout the Train the Trainer Programme and the requirements of the Level 7 Certificate and Diploma.

*In special circumstances this training requirement may be waived.



Learn more

Explore the accompanying professional development programmes in more detail:

[Level 5 Train the Trainer](#)

[Level 7 Train the Trainer](#)

Get in touch

Fill in a short form to express your interest in delivering our Pearson BTEC International Applied Teaching and Education qualifications. Your local representative will be in touch to discuss your needs.

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