



**London Borough
of Hounslow**

**Hounslow Adult & Community Education
Course Information Sheet** [v. 25/11/2021]

Course Title: Understanding Autism Level 2 Certificate

Start Date: February 2022

End Date: July 2022

Course Length: 1 session per week over 20 weeks on Thursday.

Course Mode: blended (some sessions online and on these dates you will be required to attend in person:tbc.....)

Venue: at Adult and Community Centre Meadowbank / Community Close, Cranford, Hounslow TW5 9QX

Who is this for?

This qualification is designed for learners who wish to develop an understanding of autism and how to support individuals with autism.

It's useful for learners who provide direct support and those working in sectors such as: healthcare, social care, leisure, entertainment, education and training, and nursing.

How will my learning be assessed?

We use Google Suite for Education to record your learning journey. You will track your progress by accessing your online Individual Learning Plan (ILP), from the start to the end of the course.

Your tutor will give you regular verbal and written feedback to support your progression. You will submit your coursework and track your learning in Google Classroom. You will participate in group discussions and receive guidance. You will respond to questions and feedback face to face and in the Google Classroom. You will be assessed by your tutor or assessor using a range of methods. This will include a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task.

The first four weeks of the course will give you an opportunity to see how you feel about learning this way. You can see how well you are keeping up with the work and whether the course is providing you with the right level of challenge. It will also be a time for us to evaluate whether we think this is the right course for you or whether a different course would be better.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- **Set a target for your course to help you progress in your learning journey**
- **Take part in an activity in Google Classroom**
- **Respond to tutor comments/feedback in the e-ILP or in Google Classroom**
- Understand what 'autism' is, its theories and diagnosis as well as common misconceptions associated with autism and conditions that can co-occur with autism

- Use a person-centred approach to support individuals with autism, incorporating the preferences and needs of the individual; be aware of the legislation and guidance, and the support networks available to individuals and their families
- Understand the potential delays and difficulties in speech, language, and social development sometimes faced by individuals with autism, and methods and strategies that could be used when communicating with an individual with autism
- Understand the sensory processing, perception, and cognition in individuals with autism - including looking at hypersensitivity and hyposensitivity; consider how to support the sensory needs of individuals with autism
- Understand individuals' behaviours in the context of autism; support positive behaviour and help individuals to develop coping strategies
- Support individuals through transitions and life events, how to maintain their personal safety, and how to access services, facilities and employment opportunities; understand of what it's like for an individual to live with autism

What is required to attend the course?

- You will need an initial assessment, when we will ask you to complete some tasks and we will ask you some questions to be able to better support you with your studies.
- You need to have English and maths skills at Level 1 or above.
- You need to have access to a laptop or tablet with internet, camera and microphone when the class is delivered online.
- You must know how to independently access Google Suite Apps - access to a Chrome Browser or Download Phone Apps to access Google Meet, Google Classroom and Google Docs.
Link to download Chrome: <https://www.google.com/chrome/>
- You need a **hace.ac.uk** account – we will create it for you after enrolment if you do not have one. You will be sent the log in details to this NEW Gmail account the next day (initial password: Hounslow1). The details will be sent to your personal email so please check your inbox and spam regularly before course starts.
- You need to accept the invite to Join the Google Classroom a day before your class starts.
- You must check your hace.ac.uk account regularly.
- You need to bring a piece of paper and a pen to take notes during the sessions.
- To successfully complete the course, you are expected to attend all the sessions (including all the sessions delivered at the centre) and complete the coursework on time. If you, for any reason, are unable to attend, please let us know and ensure that you access the lesson content located in your Google Classroom, to complete any related tasks.
- Please ensure that you have a quiet space available with no disruptions when attending classes online.
- You will build an online portfolio to provide the evidence necessary to achieve the qualification which is accredited by NCFE CACHE.
- There is approximately additional 2-4 hours of homework and self-study time per week.

After this course you will be able to:

- Enrol onto another Adult Learning course, develop your knowledge further or develop your English skills further. At the end of the course your tutor will advise you on your possible next steps.
- Progress to
 - a) Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce (Early Years Educator)
 - b) Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
 - c) Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
 - d) Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England)
 - e) Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- You can call us to find out about upcoming courses on 020 8583 6000 or visit our website: www.hace.ac.uk

Who can I contact for further information?

For more information please call 0208 583 6000.

Eligibility, Fee remittance, over 19's:

Please see our website: www.hace.ac.uk

You may be eligible for the support towards childcare costs.

Hounslow Adult & Community Education Code of Conduct (Obligations of All)

We expect everyone:

1. to follow health and safety regulations and behave in a way which does not put you or others in danger;
2. to follow HACE Equal Opportunities Statement at all times;
3. to respect all users of HACE, whether they are learners, staff, volunteers or visitors;
4. to be punctual and attend all classes;
5. to dress appropriately and avoid eating during the class time;
6. not to use a mobile phone for calls and text messaging;
7. to complete and submit your assignments on time and in line with HACE Plagiarism Statement;
8. to respect the property of the service, staff and learners;
9. to keep the building/classroom clean and tidy;
10. to follow HACE Digital Statement (including online safety) at all times.