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FOREST SCHOOL PRACTITIONERS AWARD



Course Information

The **Forest School Practitioners Award** is a Level Three Qualification aimed at assisting teachers and other educational professionals to develop their skills in delivering quality teaching in outdoor environments.

The course consists of 18 credits contained in three Units of study.

This equates to 70 hours of formal taught time and requires on average a further 110 hours of self study time from the student. Networking by the students on the course and the formation of small self study groups (where possible) is recognised as a useful tool aiding successful completion of the course.

Course Content

Establishment and Delivery of a Forest School Programme (6 Credits)

Aimed at understanding what Forest School is all about and planning, delivering and evaluating FS sessions

Learning and Development at Forest School (6 Credits)

Looking at theories of learning and how to support holistic development. Discussing the importance of play and how to raise self esteem in learners.

Forest School Practical Skills and Woodland management (6 Credits)

This unit covers aspects of woodland management, how to use the outdoor environment for learning and how to teach a range of practical woodland skills to others

Course Delivery

This is normally over a nine month period depending upon the start date of each course. Students are encouraged to complete their assignments during this period, making the most of the tutorial support, lecture time and peer group support available for your student group. Students that anticipate taking longer, or those whose circumstances change during the course may negotiate with their tutor for a later finish date.

Assessment takes place during the course, whilst the course participant is leading their Forest School sessions and by submitting a portfolio containing the completed units as well as evidence of a suitable First Aid Qualification and a current CRB check.

Entry Criteria

The Forest School Practitioners Award is a higher level course and as such applicants must show evidence of any **ONE** of the following:-

- An educational qualification at Level 2 or above eg. PGCE, FETC, NNEB
- A qualification at Level 2 in Woodland/Countryside (or similar) AND two years experience of working with a client group
- A portfolio of evidence and references equivalent to one of the above and be willing to be interviewed by the course Tutor/Assessor

Applicants must also demonstrate that they have links with a client group to enable their Forest School delivery during the course.