

# Purpose Statement

## Open Awards Level 1 Introduction to Mentoring (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to develop knowledge and/or skills relevant to a particular specialisation within an occupation or set of occupations. This qualification will support you to develop knowledge around being a Children and Young Person's Mentor within an education setting and to apply that knowledge within your own setting, whether that be pre-school, primary school, secondary school or Further Education.

### Who is it for?

- Learners working within an education setting who want to take on additional roles/responsibilities as a Mentor
- Learners preparing to progress onto a higher-level apprenticeship or qualification

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete 5 credits and commit to 48 hours of learning.

You will need to complete 2 mandatory units:

- Introduction to the Mentoring Relationship
- Understanding Mentoring

To achieve the qualification you will be required to demonstrate that you:

- Understand the purpose of mentoring and the related codes of conduct
- Understand the procedures involved including structured conversations and setting goals

### **What are the Entry Requirements?**

There are no specific entry requirements. Due to the level of the qualification and the evidence requirements, a level 1 English qualification (or equivalent demonstrable skills) would be advantageous.

### **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:

- Written assignments
- Practical activities
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

### **What are the Progression Opportunities?**

This qualification has been designed to support progression within the workplace to support you to take on additional roles/responsibilities as a mentor within an education setting.

It could also support your progression to further learning or training to a higher level qualification, including:

- Level 2 Peer Mentoring

You could also explore applying for a higher-level Apprenticeship

This is a programme that combines practical training in a job with study. They are available in all types of sectors, from administration to horticulture, engineering to catering.

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification has been developed in partnership with The Mentoring School with support from their extensive network of employers and education providers.