Learner overview

NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Performance Skills (601/5481/0)

Qualification content, structure and outcomes

This qualification is designed to enable progression into further training or employment in the performance industry.

This is a graded qualification that is part of our study programme offer.

The aims of this qualification are to:

- develop your understanding of a variety of approaches to performance
- provide you with a chance to give and receive feedback on aspects of your own and others' performance skills
- develop your understanding of the performance industry.

The objectives of this qualification are to:

- develop your specialist knowledge and skills in a chosen area of performance
- pursue further training or employment in the performance industry.

This qualification is a Level 3 Diploma and has 305-312 guided learning hours.

To be awarded the NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Performance Skills, you are required to successfully complete all units from Group A and a minimum of 4 units from Group B.

Group A

- Unit 01 Rehearse and perform
- Unit 02 Prepare for an audition
- Unit 03 The healthy and safe performer

Group B

- Unit 04 Employment opportunities for performers
- Unit 05 Develop teaching skills in performance
- Unit 06 Develop solo performance skills
- Unit 07 Develop ensemble performance skills
- Unit 08 Performance in a chosen specialism
- Unit 09 Performing in musical theatre
- Unit 10 Plan and promote a performance
- Unit 11 Specialist research project

You will need to create a portfolio of evidence which will be internally assessed and externally moderated.

For more information please visit our website www.ncfe.org.uk.

Similar qualifications

NCFE also offers a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performance Skills (601/5815/3).

The outcomes of this qualification are the same as the Diploma; however, this qualification is bigger at 432-444 guided learning hours.

The Extended Diploma therefore covers more breadth and depth of the subject area.

NCFE also offers Performance qualifications at lower levels. For more information please see the NCFE website www.ncfe.org.uk.

Other ways you could achieve the same outcome

As detailed above, the NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performance Skills (601//5815/3) is designed with the same outcome in mind, but covers more content.

For more information on the content of the Extended Diploma please see the qualification specification on the NCFE website www.ncfe.org.uk.

This is the only other Level 3 Performance Skills qualification that NCFE offers.

Neither the Diploma nor the Extended Diploma form part of an Apprenticeship.

How the qualification supports the identified outcome

The qualification is assessed via a portfolio of evidence which will strengthen your learning as it allows time for reflection as you gather your evidence.

Upon completion of this qualification, you could progress to further training or employment in the performance industry, eg:

- Level 4 Award in Commercial Skills for Creative Industry Professionals
- Level 4 HNC Diploma in Performing Arts
- Level 5 Diploma in Speaking in Public
- Level 5 Diploma in Music
- Level 5 Diploma in Professional Acting, Dance or Music Performance
- Employment/self-employment in the industry

The qualification may also be useful to you if you're studying qualifications in the following areas:

- music
- acting
- dance
- technical theatre.

You could also progress from the Diploma to the Extended Diploma.

UCAS points

This qualification carries UCAS points as follows:

- Distinction*: 42
- Distinction: 36
- Merit: 24
- Pass: 12