



# Different routes to completing the Level 3 Award

In 2011, The Communication Trust, in collaboration with City and Guilds, developed a robust continuing professional development (CPD) qualification for people working with children and young people: the Level 3 Award Supporting Children and Young People's Speech, Language and Communication.

The Communication Trust worked with City & Guilds to develop the Award and write the supporting materials, however, the Trust is not a training provider. The Trust is working with a number of training providers linked to the awarding organisations who offer the Award (CACHE and Ascentis) to provide more opportunities for the children and young people's workforce to access this valuable qualification.

There are currently three different routes to undertaking the Level 3 Award:

## Online - Platform 3

Platform 3 is an innovative, accessible and cost effective online learning route for undertaking this Level 3 Award.

Platform 3 offers a flexible approach to learning and assessment online, with learners supported by tutors to achieve their qualification at their own pace and in their own time, irrespective of where they're based in the country.

If you're interested in completing the Level 3 Award through Platform 3 please visit [www.platform3online.org.uk](http://www.platform3online.org.uk) for more information.

## Face-to-face learning

The Award is currently being delivered by a small number of training providers and local colleges who offer the Award via traditional face to face learning.

We would suggest visiting the websites of the two awarding organisations listed below to see if a local college in your area is delivering the Award.

- CACHE
- Ascentis

## Blended learning approach

Training providers may choose to adopt a blended learning approach, which combines an online and face to face approach. Some training providers will allow learners to complete their assessed portfolio tasks and accreditation online via Platform 3, alongside offering some face to face support. This support may take the form of training days, study days, or peer to peer support sessions.

You can speak to the individual training providers who offer Platform 3 to see if this is an approach that they may be able to offer. Details of the Platform 3 training providers can be found at: [www.platform3online.org.uk](http://www.platform3online.org.uk)

