

COURSE INFORMATION LEAFLET

YMCA Diploma in Personal Training (Practitioner) - Evening Level 3



In a nutshell

This qualification is suitable for learners holding a Level 2 qualification in Gym Instruction or equivalent who wish to progress to a career as a professional Personal Trainer on an employed or self-employed basis.

This qualification is endorsed by the Chartered Institute for the management of sport and physical activity (CIMSPA).

This course is for...

- ... Anyone holding a valid Level 2 gym instructor qualification
- ... Those who want the knowledge to successfully pursue a career in the health and fitness industry

Course content



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This course covers a variety of additional knowledge and skills to help you progress as a self-employed or employed personal trainer. The content reflects the competencies needed to become a safe and effective personal trainer.

The aim of this qualification is to recognise the skills, knowledge and competence required for an individual to work unsupervised as a personal trainer. This includes being able to offer one-to-one training, baseline assessment, nutritional advice and progressive programming which is specific to the individual needs of a client.

The course will cover:

Applied anatomy and physiology
Promote wellness through client motivation and interaction
Bespoke exercise programme design
Customised exercise programme instruction and communication techniques
Nutrition to support physical activity
Business acumen for personal training practice

Assessment will take place through a variety of methods, including:

Multiple choice theory paper, assessment workbook, personal training showcase portfolio (5 elements) and completing a learner log.

Entry Requirements

To take this course you'll need to already have a valid Level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing.

Additional information

Once completed, you can use this qualification as a platform to move on to other courses in the health and fitness or active leisure sectors.

Learners may choose further same-level qualifications, for example:

Level 3 Diploma in Exercise Referral

Level 3 Diploma in Increasing Participation in Sport and Active Leisure in Community Settings

Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy

Level 3 Diploma in Teaching Pilates

Level 3 Diploma in Teaching Yoga





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Learners may also choose to progress to higher lever qualifications, for example:

- Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance
- Level 4 Award in Understanding Internal Quality Assurance
- Level 4 Certificate in Delivering Physical Activity for Individuals with Mental Health Conditions
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance
- Level 4 Certificate in Programming Physical Activity for Individuals with Low Back Pain
- Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy
- Level 4 Certificate in Weight Management for Individuals with Obesity, Diabetes Mellitus and/or Metabolic Syndrome
- Level 4 Sports and Conditioning qualifications