

LEVEL 3
PUBLIC SERVICES
ADDITIONAL AND SPECIALIST LEARNING PATHWAYS



About Additional and Specialist Learning

Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL) provides learners with greater breadth (Additional Learning) and depth (Specialist Learning) of study and enables them to tailor their personal programmes to their own interests and ambitions.

Additional Learning is complementary or broadening in character. It can include:

- qualifications that enable learners to explore a related sector
- national curriculum entitlement areas
- learning options such as languages, music or science that relate to individual needs, interests and aspirations
- GCSEs and other qualifications.

Specialist Learning gives the learner the opportunity for further learning within their chosen sector. It can include:

- existing qualifications and units designed to support progression within a chosen sector
- GCSEs and other qualifications
- specialist qualifications, designed specifically for the Line of Learning, that may enable learners to select a specified pathway.

ASL can be taken at the chosen Diploma level by learners selecting a single qualification or a combination of qualifications to meet the required Guided Learning Hours (GLH).

Learners will select from qualifications at the same level as the Diploma that they are taking, or one higher eg the Foundation Diploma can have ASL at Level 1 or 2. ASL forms part of the Diploma and fits into the overall structure of the Advanced (Level3) Diploma as follows:

	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
Principal Learning	540
Generic Learning	180
Additional and Specialist Learning	360
10 days work experience	
Total	1080

The Diploma catalogues list all the ASL qualifications for each line of learning, and are available on the National Database of Accredited Qualifications (NDAQ): www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk

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Below are 7 examples of potential routes a learner might take and what qualification/s they could choose as part of their Additional and Specialist Learning.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5	Option 6	Option 7
Medical Secretary pathway	Psychology pathway	Business pathway	Justice pathway	Humanities pathway	Government Statistician pathway	Politics pathway



Qualification

City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma for Medical Secretaries (S) 390 GLH <i>and</i> City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Medical Terminology (S) 60 GLH	AQA A Level in Psychology (S) 360 GLH	AQA A Level in Business Studies (S) 360 GLH <i>and</i> City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Business and Finance (S) 60 GLH <i>and</i> City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Book Keeping and Accounts (S) 60 GLH	City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma for Legal Secretaries (S) 360 GLH <i>and</i> City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Community Justice (S) 60 GLH <i>and</i> City & Guilds Level 3 Award in Proof Reading in the Legal Environment (S)	AQA A Level in Geography (S) 360 GLH <i>or</i> AQA A Level in Sociology (S) 360 GLH <i>or</i> AQA A Level in History (S) 360 GLH	AQA A Level in Statistics (S) 360 GLH <i>and</i> AQA Advanced Level Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification: Using and applying statistics (S) 60 GLH	AQA A Level in Government and Politics (S) 360 GLH
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GLH requirement for Diploma Level 3

360	360	360	360	360	360	360
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