

LEVEL 2  
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 Foundation (Level 1) Diploma as follows:

	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
Principal Learning	240
Generic Learning	240
Additional and Specialist Learning	120
10 days work experience	
<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>

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](http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk)

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Below are 6 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
Medical Secretary pathway	Humanities pathway	Law pathway	Government Statistician pathway	Business pathway	Language pathway



### Qualification

<b>City &amp; Guilds</b> Level 2 Certificate in Medical Administration (S) <b>245 GLH</b>  and  <b>City &amp; Guilds</b> Level 2 Certificate in Conflict Management (S) <b>10 GLH</b>	<b>AQA</b> GCSE in Geography (S) <b>120 GLH</b>  and  <b>AQA</b> GCSE in History (S) <b>120 GLH</b>  or  <b>AQA</b> GCSE in Sociology (S) <b>120 GLH</b>	<b>City &amp; Guilds</b> Level 2 Diploma in Legal Studies (S) <b>260 GLH</b>	<b>AQA</b> GCSE in Statistics (S) <b>120 GLH</b>  and  <b>AQA</b> GCSE in Information Technology (A) <b>120 GLH</b>	<b>AQA</b> GCSE in Business Studies (A) <b>120 GLH</b>  and  <b>City &amp; Guilds</b> Level 2 Award in Business and Finance (S) <b>30 GLH</b>  and  <b>City &amp; Guilds</b> Level 2 Award in Book Keeping and Accounts (S) <b>30 GLH</b>	<b>AQA</b> GCSE in French (A) <b>120 GLH</b>  and  <b>AQA</b> GCSE in Italian (A) <b>120 GLH</b>
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### GLH requirement for Diploma Level 2

180	180	180	180	180	180
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(A) - Additional

(S) - Specialist

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