

## Statement of Purpose

### 601/7680/5 RSL Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts

#### Overview

The Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts provides learners skills, knowledge and understanding within the sphere of the creative and performing arts industries. The qualification aims to offer practical structured learning with the flexibility to specialise in different disciplines directly relevant to the performing arts industry.

#### **Who is this qualification for?**

This qualification is for learners aged 14+ who wish to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in disciplines associated with the performing arts industry. There are no specific requirements for entry, though learners may hold related qualifications at Entry Level or Level 1 have related experience in the performing arts.

#### **What does the qualification cover?**

The learner can follow one of two pathways – Dance or Acting.

Those on the **Dance pathway** undertake an externally assessed core unit (Live Performance), which requires learners to work to a brief, specific to the area of specialism. In addition they take 1 optional unit from within their pathway that will develop their performance, creative or technical skills within dance.

Those on the **Acting pathway** undertake an externally assessed core unit (Live Performance), which requires learners to work to a brief, specific to the area of specialism. In addition they take 1 optional unit that can develop their performance or technical acting skills.

Learners apply a range of skills, knowledge and understanding that will be of value to further studies. For example, units provide learners with an understanding of concepts and a solid grounding in the practical/technical skills required for development in further study that can then be developed through qualifications at Level 3, which may require them to take greater responsibility, lead others, evaluate and analyse concepts relating to their studies. Tutors find the mode of assessment, which best suits the learner in terms of their strengths, ensuring that evidence demonstrates achievement of the learning outcomes. Evidence may include (but is not limited to) recorded/videoed performances or compositions, assignments, reports, rehearsal logs, diagrams/graphs, illustrations/screenshots and video evidence.

The Syllabus Pack, containing Syllabus Document (with a full list of units available in each pathway in Section B.3) and detailed information about each unit, can be downloaded from the RSL website at:

<http://www.rslawards.com/vocational/syllabus>

#### **Which subjects will complement this course?**

Qualifications that would complement the Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts include:

RSL Level 2 Certificate in Technology for Music Practitioners (600/6657/X)

RSL Level 2 Certificate in Performance for Music Practitioners (600/6655/6)

RSL Level 2 Certificate in Composition for Music Practitioners (600/6656/8)

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Performance Skills (600/6990/9)

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Studies: Music Technology (600/6904/1)

Pearson Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts (600/4785/9)



AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Performing Arts (500/4404/7)

AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Dance (500/4403/5)

AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Music (500/4666/4)

AQA Level 1/Level 2 GCSE in Drama (500/4507/6)

### **What further learning could this qualification lead to?**

Learners can progress to further study at Level 3 on qualification such as:

RSL Level 3 Diploma in Creative & Performing Arts (601/7682/9)

RSL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative & Performing Arts (601/7683/0)

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts (500/6873/8)

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (500/6872/6)

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Community Arts Management (600/9597/0)

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Technical Theatre: Sound, Light and Stage (600/9701/2)

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

AQA Advanced VCE in Performing Arts (100/0397/6)

AQA Advanced GCE in Drama and Theatre Studies (100/0099/9)

This will enable students to develop the knowledge and skills obtained from the RSL Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts, preparing them for work in the creative and performing arts industries.

### **Why should a student take this qualification instead of another in the RSL suite of qualifications in creative and performing arts?**

The Level 2 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts is designed for learners wishing to undertake a Performing Arts qualification focusing on one of two areas – Acting or Dance – which will give them a significant skills and knowledge base in the area of performance in their chosen discipline and furthermore will equip them with some technical and/or creative skills in the same area. Learners would opt to undertake the Level 2 Certificate if they had a desire and capability to acquire more than the basic knowledge and skills on offer through the Level 1 Certificate in Creative and Performing Arts and further to this if they were studying a broad range of subjects which would limit their access to a full time course such as the Level 2 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts.

### **Further Information**

This is intended as a **Technical Award**, which is a high-quality (Level 1/2) qualification that will equip students with applied knowledge and associated practical skills, not usually acquired through general education. They focus on the applied study of an industry sector or occupational area, or the acquisition of practical and technical skills. Technical Awards will fulfil entry requirements for both academic and vocational study post-16, alongside GCSEs.

