

The Key Skills Professional Development Qualification (KSPD)

The Key Skills Professional Development qualification is designed to meet the needs of teachers/trainers wishing to specialise in Key Skills. The KSPD is the only professional qualification in Wales which specifically relates to Key Skills teaching, learning and assessment.

Aims of the KSPD

- Enhance awareness of developments in the 14-19 curriculum including WAG policy developments, Welsh Bac, Learning Pathways
- Evaluate systems of initial, formative and summative assessment for Key Skills
- Develop solid understanding of the Key Skills standards and teaching strategies to deliver and assess them
- Consider relationship of Key and Basic Skills
- Consider and evaluate own centre's 'health' on Key Skills including sessions on Estyn inspection, portfolio management, quality assurance
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What does the KSPD involve?

- 15 session module covering specific Key Skills topics
- Assessed outcome is a scheme of work and rationale showing how Key Skills is taught, integrated and assessed into a course
- The KSPD in Wales is accredited at HE level 5 through the University of Wales Newport. It accrues 20 CAT points (can be used towards a PGCE)

The Sessions

- 1.The course*
- 2.Historical perspectives*
- 3.Initial assessment
- 4.Tutorial 1
- 5.The first three key skills
- 6.Interface of basic and key skills*
- 7.Teaching and learning
- 8.Key Skills in the Welsh Baccalaureate*
- 9.Portfolio development and assessment
- 10.Tutorial 2
- 11.Verification and moderation
- 12.Key skills and inspection*
- 13.Tutorial 3
- 14.Wider key skills
- 15.Centre review and self-assessment

Course Requirements

- 160 hours including 45 hours contact

- 3000–4000-word assignment & scheme of work embedding Key Skills
- Develop own key skills

Assessment

A written assignment of 3000–4000 words which includes:

- a rationale for the integration and assessment of key skills into a particular learning programme
- a scheme of work for a particular programme of delivery that embeds key skills

The assignment is graded according to University of Wales Newport assessment criteria on a scale of “Clear fail” to “Excellent Pass”. A minimum pass is required to achieve the qualification

Useful for:

- Tutors/Trainers/Teachers:
 - can use KSPD for professional development
 - can accredit their own key skills through KSPD
- PGCE students can use KSPD to fulfill 2 option requirements
- Teachers can use KSPD towards threshold and other pay-scales

Raises the standard of Key Skills teaching, learning and assessment

- Centres charge £500 per candidate to cover costs
- For schools, funds available for staff development through the GTCW
- Variety of modes of study in use across different centres (e.g. blended, compressed, fortnightly etc)

Contact details:

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Next steps:

Identify suitable staff

Contact KSSPC

Liaise with one of the accredited colleges

Get started

Centres offering the KSPD

Coleg Menai	Gill Williams	gill.williams@menai.ac.uk
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Contact details for the centres above can be found on the following link:

<http://www.dysg.org.uk/content/view/129/79/lang,en/>

Suitable for:

schools (pre- and post-16)

colleges

WBL providers (public or privately funded)

Welsh Bac centres!

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