Level 2 Award in AED and CPD

Level 2 Award in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPD) and Automated External Defibrillation (AED)

This qualification is designed for those learners wishing for further training or to develop knowledge and/or skills in this subject area. It is recommended as training for first aiders in the workplace environment who have access to a defibrillator.

Learners gaining this qualification will know that cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation form an essential part of the chain of survival. The topics covered are regarded by Skills for Health as being important to maintaining good practice in the safe, prompt and effective administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation.

Learning Outcomes Assessment Criteria

The learner will:

1. understand basic life support requirements

1.1 describe the principles that underpin basic life support
1.2 explain the circumstances under which resuscitation is performed
1.3 explain why early intervention is necessary
1.4 describe different types of cardiopulmonary arrest

2. be able to demonstrate basic life support techniques and automated external defibrillator use in line with current national guidelines

2.1 demonstrate cardiopulmonary resuscitation
2.2 demonstrate compression only resuscitation
2.3 demonstrate the use of resuscitation barrier devices
2.4 demonstrate how to manage a choking casualty
2.5 demonstrate the use of an automated external defibrillator 2.6 describe the differences when using an automated external defibrillator on a child

3. be able to demonstrate post-resuscitation procedures

3.1 demonstrate how to place a casualty in the recovery position 3.2 identify the risks when placing a casualty in the recovery position 3.3 describe handover and reporting procedures

4. be able to carry out basic user maintenance and troubleshoot problems with an automated external defibrillator

4.1 identify when a defibrillator battery requires changing 4.2 identify when electrode pads need replacing 4.3 demonstrate how to troubleshoot problems if the automated external defibrillator does not function correctly

5. understand the safe use of an automated external defibrillator

5.1 describe the safety considerations when using AEDs

Unit Content: Assessment Guidance

The assessment for this unit can be completed via simulation.

Evidence Requirements

The assessment of this unit must include both practical demonstration/assignment and oral examination.

Duration: one day