

Who are we?

Open College Network South West Region (OCNSWR)

The Open College Network South West Region (OCNSWR) is a locally managed not-for-profit organisation committed to providing a flexible and responsive regional accreditation service for a wide range of learning opportunities. We cover activities in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Swindon, the West of England (inc. Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset), Somerset, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall and the Channel Islands. We have two offices based in Plymouth and Cheltenham.

Open College Network South West Region is approved by Ofqual as a recognised awarding organisation in the QCF (Qualification Credit Framework). This means that we are able to develop qualifications that are fundable and tailored to meet the needs of our Approved Centres (organisations that have been approved to deliver our qualifications) and their learners.

OCNSWR is also one of 11 regional OCNs in the UK, which together with the National Open College Network (NOCN) form a UK wide network. As part of the national network of OCNs, we offer a whole range of national NOCN qualifications, at different levels, and across a broad range of curriculum areas.

OCNSWR is the formal QAA-licensed validating body for Access to Higher Education Diploma qualifications in the South West. On completion of their course, successful learners obtain an Access qualification, which allows them to progress to Higher Education anywhere in the country.

See 'Initial Enquiry Pack – What can we offer?' for more detailed information about the products and services we can offer.

Our accreditation service includes:

- Quality assurance for learning programmes.
- External moderation and verification of learning and achievement.
- Support from experienced Curriculum and Development Officers throughout the process.
- Access to good practice, advice and support on all curriculum and quality matters.
- Access to a bank of regional and national units.
- Access to staff development and networking activities.
- Award of certificates to learners, recognising their achievements.

