

Community Activator Coach v1.3

☆ Level 2 £ £6,000 🗓 18 months

1. What the role entails

A community activator coach promotes, delivers and coaches fun, inclusive and engaging activities that help whole communities to change their behaviour, adopt and keep to a physically active lifestyle. Community activator coaches are found in sport for social change charities, after school clubs, leisure centres, youth work organisations, housing associations and outdoor education centres. The purpose of a Community Activator Coach is to help improve the health and wellbeing of the nation, providing positive environments which support growth and development in the community by delivering and promoting inclusive and engaging activities, available to whole communities, and helping to promote physical, active lifestyles.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for the adaptation and delivery of sport and physical activity sessions in the community. They will be a positive role model and build rapport with diverse individuals from a range of backgrounds, particularly those who are young, inactive, and from low-income, marginalised communities.

The role also involves personal, professional development and is a flexible one in which an individual can expect to work varied and unsociable hours, including evenings, weekends and school holidays.

2. On-programme

Apprentices will typically spend 18 months on-programme and undertake the minimum required off-the-job training as per the apprenticeship funding rules. Apprentices must spend at least 8 months on-programme. Before entering Gateway, the apprentice must complete the following on-programme requirements:

- English and maths qualifications, if required (see DfE apprenticeship funding rules for full details)
- compile a Portfolio of Evidence to underpin the Professional Discussion
- complete training to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) outlined in this apprenticeship's assessment plan.

3. Gateway requirements

The decision to take an apprentice through Gateway is made between the employer, Independent Training Provider (ITP) and the apprentice. The apprentice should only enter Gateway once the employer is content that the apprentice is working at or above the level of the occupational standard.

The apprentice must also have completed all the on-programme elements before they enter Gateway, including submitting a Portfolio of Evidence to underpin the Professional Discussion.

4. End-point assessment

The end-point assessment (EPA) for Community Activator Coach contains two methods of assessment:

Observation with Questioning

In the Observation with Questions, an Independent End-Point Assessor (IEPA) observes the apprentice face to face in their workplace and asks questions. The apprentice completes their day-to-day duties under normal working conditions. Simulation is not allowed. It gives the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs mapped to this assessment method.

The Observation with Questions must last for 1 hour, with 45 minutes Observation and 15 minutes questioning (+10% to allow the apprentice to respond to a question if necessary).

Grading: Fail, pass or distinction.

Professional Discussion underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence

In the Professional Discussion underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence, an IEPA and apprentice have a formal two-way conversation. It gives the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs mapped to this assessment method.

The Professional Discussion underpinned by Portfolio must last 45 minutes (+10% to allow the apprentice to respond to a question if necessary).

Grading: Fail, pass or distinction.

5. Grade aggregation table

Observation with Questions	Professional Discussion underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence	Final Grade
Pass	Pass	Pass
Distinction	Pass	Merit
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Distinction	Distinction	Distinction

A fail in any assessment method will result in a fail overall.

6. Completion and certification

Once the IEPA verifies the apprentice has successfully completed all EPA methods, NCFE will activate certification. Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, we will ensure the apprentice receives their certificate.

7. What next?

On successful completion of Community Activator Coach Level 2, an apprentice may progress onto other apprenticeships, such as Level 3 Outdoor Activity Instructor, Level 3 Personal Trainer, Level 3 Community Sport and Health Officer or Level 4 Sports Coach. This apprenticeship aligns with the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity for Affiliate Member.

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