

## Awarding Bodies For Accredited Courses



**The Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People (CACDP)** is a registered charity that is raising standards of communication between deaf and hearing people. They are a UK awarding body recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) offering a wide range of nationally accredited qualifications.

Their awards, from basic to advanced levels, include British and Irish Sign Languages (BSL and ISL), and a wide range of communication methods commonly used by Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and deafblind people. HearFirst are an approved centre for CACDP qualifications.

**Open College North West (OCNW)** is an Awarding Body, which accredits learning and awards certificates to students who successfully complete their studies. In 1975 OCNW was the first Open College to be established in the UK.



Their specific purpose is to encourage individuals and groups, particularly adults, who would not normally go to college, to learn and gain qualifications in further and higher education. In today's jargon, OCNW's aim is to widen participation in education and to promote social inclusion.

OCNW is an Awarding Body that:

1. awards national qualifications
2. is a partnership of Universities and Further Education Colleges
3. focuses on the needs of adults who want to learn
4. provides qualifications which are user friendly
5. works closely with teachers and lecturers to best meet learners' needs
6. prides itself on providing excellent customer service and effectively using Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
7. is an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA) for Access to Higher Education programmes
8. promotes Life Long Learning through its programmes for both work and for study
9. has excellent Basic Skills qualifications
10. offers opportunities for National Key Skills qualifications