

PARS Customised Qualifications  
*A Brand New Playwork Adventure!*

# Introducing PPP4

PARS Playwork Practice  
Level 4



# What is PARS Playwork?



## Holistic model of playwork practice

PARS is the first holistic model to define and describe the practice of playwork. It combines the philosophy, theory, methods and techniques of professional playwork practice.



## Developed from research

The PARS model of playwork practice was created by Dr Shelly Newstead from research into the theory and practices of the adventure playground pioneers.



## Evidence-based practice

PARS practitioners empower children to make decisions about how they spend their free time in supervised settings. Research by Chan et al (2020) has found that adults who use PARS are less likely to intervene in children's self directed activities and are more open to children's risk-taking behaviours.



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## International

Any adult who works with children in supervised settings can take the PPP4 qualification.



## Quality

Candidates for PPP4 are assessed by our occupationally competent qualified assessors, led by our Internal Quality Assurer (IQA).



## Accredited

PPP4 is accredited and certified by NCFE, one of the UK's leading awarding bodies. We are an NCFE International Award Centre.



# Who should take PPP4?



## Adults who work with children in supervised settings

PARS practitioners work in a diverse range of settings, from parks to summer camps, schools to domestic refuges and hospitals to adventure playgrounds.



## Internationally inclusive

Adults working in any country can take PPP4. You can join an online course with people from all over the world, or you can attend a local course delivered by our PARS Licensed Trainers.



## No previous playwork experience required

Anybody who works with children in supervised settings can take PPP4. If you have not done any previous PARS training, you will find details of the entry requirements on our website.





# About PPP4



## Aim of PPP4

To enable practitioners to use the PARS model to articulate, develop and evaluate their PARS playwork practice.



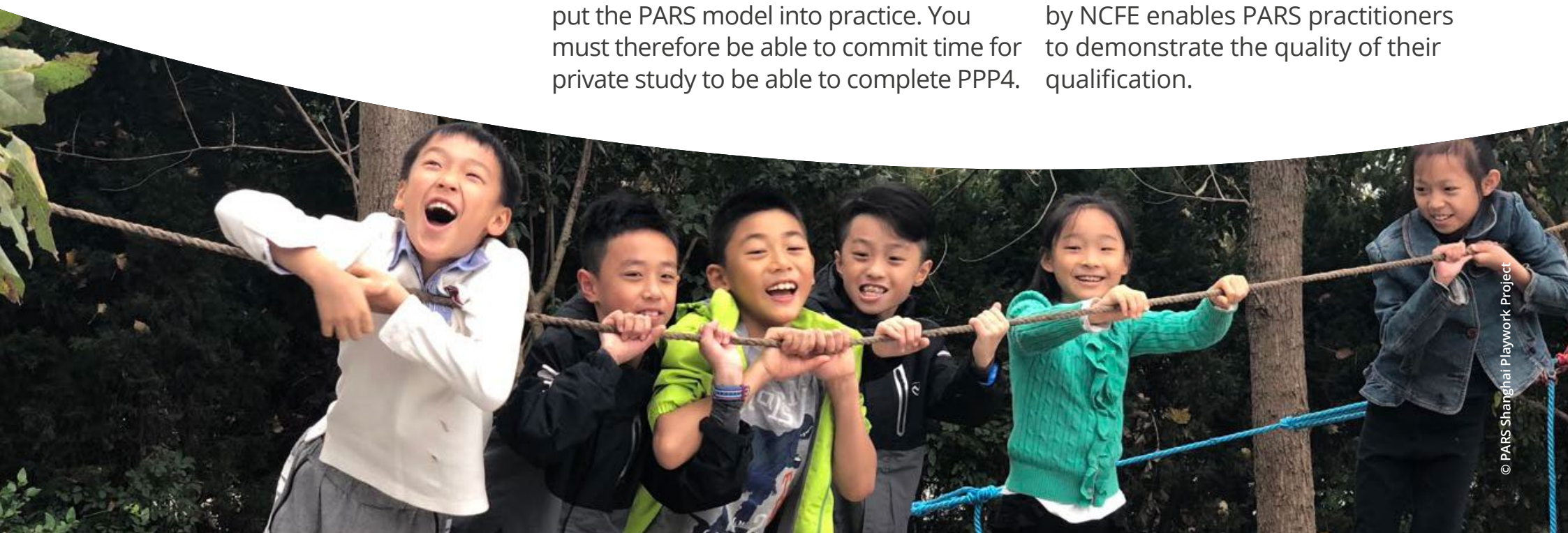
## TQT (Total Qualification Time)

The TQT for the qualification is 200 hours. Throughout the course you will do reading, practice and written work to develop your understanding of how to put the PARS model into practice. You must therefore be able to commit time for private study to be able to complete PPP4.



## Accreditation

PPP4 is a Customised Qualification awarded by NCFE. Whilst Customised Qualifications are unregulated qualifications, the PPP4 certification by NCFE enables PARS practitioners to demonstrate the quality of their qualification.



# PPP4 Course Content

1

CQ11495/001

Understanding  
PARS Playwork

2

CQ11495/002

PARS  
Philosophy

3

CQ11495/003

PARS  
Theories

4

CQ11495/004

PARS  
Environmental  
Modification

5

CQ11495/005

PARS  
Techniques

6

CQ11495/006

Use PARS Reflexive  
Practice to develop  
and evaluate PARS  
Playwork Practice

# PPP4 Programme



## Teaching

The eight taught sessions will cover the theory you need to use the PARS model of playwork practice. The sessions will be taught by a PARS Licensed Trainer. The sessions will be interactive and build on your reading and practice.



## Practice

Each week you will be asked to try out the parts of the PARS model in practice. This can be in your work setting or in informal settings, such as your family home.



## Assessment

You will also need to do reading and written work to support your understanding of how to put the PARS model into practice. Your written reflective practice accounts can be used as the basis for your assessments.



# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Do I need to know anything about playwork before I start PPP4?**

No. PPP4 teaches you how to use the PARS model of playwork practice, which is completely self-contained. No prior experience of playwork is required. If you have not done any previous PARS training, you will find details of our entry requirements for PPP4 on our website.

## **Do I need to attend all eight training sessions?**

Yes. Please make sure that you are available for the whole training programme. Each session is interactive and it is important that you can fully take part in each session.

## **Am I assessed for my PPP4 qualification in my workplace?**

No. PPP4 is assessed through written (or alternative methods) reflective practice accounts and assessor questioning.

## **How long does my PPP4 qualification last?**

Technically your PPP4 qualification does not have an expiry date. However, we encourage all PARS practitioners to undertake regular CPD Professional Development to keep their PARS theory and practice up to date. You can find a wide range of CPD opportunities on our website.

## **Once I get my PPP4 qualification, can I teach others to use PARS?**

No. To teach PARS playwork to others, you need to complete our T2T programme and become part of our PARS Licensed Training Team. Please contact us for more details of the next T2T and how to apply to become a PARS Licensed Trainer.



# Next steps to PPP4

[Book your place](#)

## Join the next PPP4!

Book your PPP4 course on our website. Once your place is confirmed, we will set up your personal Dropbox with your PPP4 Handbook and course materials. You can then start the course reading before the first session.

We will also confirm the dates of your 'Ask the Assessor' and 'PPP4 Admin' sessions, which support you in achieving your PPP4 qualification.

Please contact us with any questions at any time!

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