

“Inspiring the next generation of care practitioners”



WHY CHOOSE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE ?

This qualification introduces students to the biggest employment sector in the UK, which includes elements of the NHS, local authority adult and child care services as well as a range of independent providers which provide care in a variety of settings.

It introduces students to this vocational sector and the role it plays in the health, well-being and care of individuals across all age ranges.

Students will also develop transferable skills, in particular communication, aspects of team working and other essential life skills.

As you might expect, both the bulk of learning and assessment is through practical means.

HOW WILL HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE HELP ME? WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

Offering an effective introduction to the health and social care sector, this qualification looks at the role the sector plays in the health, well-being and care of individuals across all age ranges.

It also introduces students to the specialist knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings. Underpinning the qualification is a focus on core values and communicating with individuals to maintain their dignity and sense of being valued.

The qualification design, including the range of units available, allows students the freedom to explore the things that interest them as well as providing a good opportunity to enhance their learning in a range of curriculum areas. Students also develop transferable skills.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE? WHAT WILL I STUDY?

There are four Units of study for Health & Social Care

Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings.

The focus of recruitment to the health and social care sector is values. Applicants must demonstrate they can apply values in their professional practice. This unit introduces students to these core values and the rights of individuals accessing health and social care services. It also introduces some of the legislation that students should be aware of and ways in which individuals that use services are protected.

Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings.

Communication is an essential skill for all individuals working in health, social care or child care/early years settings. Developing their communication skills will enable students to understand how to work effectively with individuals in these settings. Students will be introduced to a range of different communication methods and factors that affect communication. They will also explore the impact of personal qualities that contribute to the delivery of effective care, such as patience, empathy and respect.

Understand body systems and disorders.

This unit will build on the student's knowledge of human biology and develop their understanding of three major systems. They will understand how body systems work, the disorders which affect them and the measurements which are taken and how this data can be interpreted.

Using basic first aid procedures.

While this unit will not provide certification as a qualified first aider, it will enable students to know the basic actions that should be taken to ensure their safety at the scene of accidents and understand the actions which may be taken for a range of injuries. Students will learn how to assess accidents in order to provide essential information for emergency services and will learn how to carry out basic first aid procedures on adults.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

It is a vocational qualification, which involves some practical role play in a variety of units. However, the theoretical elements of the qualification will be supported by class tasks, logbooks and assignments to demonstrate understanding of the topics.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed in 4 units:

- ✓ Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings.
Written exam: 1 hour; 60 marks; 25%
- ✓ Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings.
Coursework Assessed 25%
- ✓ Understand body systems and disorders.
Coursework Assessed 25%
- ✓ Using basic first aid procedures
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HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

There are many different careers a qualification in this sector could lead to: nurse, social worker, midwife, care worker, nursery nurse, health care assistant, child minder.

