

OCR Health and Social Care (Cambridge Technical Level 3)

Why choose Health and Social Care?

It is about understanding health and well-being and the common factors that affect different people, and the origins and development of health and social care services for all ages. This is an excellent choice for any student planning a career in health related occupations, social work or work with young children.

It is important that you have an enquiring mind, an interest in Health and Social Care, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

This course will appeal to students who:

Want to find out more about health and social care through personal investigations and are interested in developing an understanding of caring organisations and their clients.

Enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives and experience.

Want the opportunity to carry out practical work as well as class work.

Wish to move on to a related career or higher education.

What can I expect to learn?

This is a Level 3 course (equivalent to one A-Level). Units studied include Building Positive Relationships, Health and Safety, Equality and diversity, Mental Health, Public Health and Anatomy and Physiology. This course combines practical skills and knowledge. You will work independently. There will be lectures, group work, role plays and presentations.

Assessment

The course is divided between exams and coursework. There are six units 3 of which are center assessed and moderated by an external moderator. The 3 examined units are externally assessed. All units are graded Pass, Merit and Distinction and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded. The course will take two years for the introductory certificate (three units) and two years for the diploma (six units).

Where does this lead?

The qualification is designed to offer you the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding which will prepare you for entry into employment at trainee level within a wide range of health, social care and early years environments. Many such students undertake further part-time study with the support of their employers.

Students who achieve the qualification can progress to a variety of NVQ, or degree level courses in health and social care related subjects. These may include a degree in Health Studies, Nursing, Social Work, teaching, operating department practice and dental nursing.

Entry requirements:

You will require a grade 4 or above in at least 4 GCSE's.

