

## NCFE CACE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care

**Exam Board:**  
NCFE CACHE

### **Course description**

This course is equivalent to one GCSE. Health and Social Care gives you an insight and understanding about how and why people use various services in the health and social care sector. You will study the different client groups such as Early Years, Adulthood and Later Adulthood.

### **How will I be assessed and what will I learn?**

Health and Social Care is assessed through both courseworks and exam.

This course is designed for learners who have an interest in health and social care and wish to develop skills and learn the theory that can prepare them for further study and employment within this sector.

There are four modules; an exam module and three pieces of coursework. Each module is worth 25%.

### Course outline

<b>Year</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>OVERVIEW</b>	<b>HOW IT IS ASSESSED</b>
Year 1	Unit 1 - Introduction to the health and social care sector	This unit provides learners with a broad and in-depth knowledge base providing the opportunity to explore the health and social care sector. Content coverage included are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• types of provision: function and purpose</li><li>• job roles of health and social care practitioners</li><li>• access/referral procedures</li><li>• ever-changing care needs</li><li>• formal and informal care provision</li><li>• regulation and inspection.</li></ul>	33.3% of the qualification's content and 18.2% of the qualification's grade (coursework)
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Year 1	Unit 2 - Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner	This unit provides a broad, in-depth knowledge base from which learners can explore working practice in health and social care. Content coverage included are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• responsibilities, skills, behaviours and attributes of health and social care</li></ul>	33.3% of the qualification's content and 18.2% of the qualification's grade (coursework)

		practitioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• professional practice</li> <li>• professional development</li> <li>• legal frameworks, values and guidance</li> <li>• components of person-centred practice</li> <li>• teamwork and partnership working</li> <li>• career pathways.</li> </ul>	
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Year 2	Unit 3 - Human growth and development through the life stages	This unit provides breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding in relation to human growth and development through the life stages. Content coverage included are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stages of development from conception to birth</li> <li>• potential effects on development of pre-conception experiences, pre-birth experiences and during birth experiences</li> <li>• life stages:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- infancy</li> <li>- childhood</li> <li>- adolescence</li> <li>- early, middle and late adulthood</li> </ul> </li> <li>• holistic development</li> <li>• theoretical perspectives</li> <li>• factors impacting on human growth and development</li> <li>• transition and significant life events across life stages</li> <li>• the role of care planning in relation to meeting individual needs and promoting well-being.</li> </ul>	33.3% of the qualification's content and 18.2% of the qualification's grade (coursework)
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Year 2	Unit 4: Synoptic external assessment	Students will be assessed on content coverage from units 1-3 in the exam.	The synoptic external assessment contributes to 45.5% of the qualification grade. (written external exam)

### Future opportunities:

Studying Health and Social Care can open the door for a career in the caring and medical professions; social care, teaching, nursing and midwifery amongst others.

## **When should I take this subject?**

Students can take this as a GCSE optional qualification.

## **Other information**

During the first year of the course (September – April) students will carry out work experience placements in lesson time. This will be done on rotation basis (sending 4 students from each class a week to spend approximately 1 ½ hours at Old School House Nursery (Fulwood, Sheffield). Each student will probably visit the nursery at least twice over the duration of this time. This is a valuable experience and will support the development of student knowledge in relation to coursework and exam application.

This course is academically demanding as assessment is continuous and the exam covers a wide area of knowledge. You will need to have strong English and literacy skills to meet the demands of the coursework portfolios. You should be able to meet deadlines.