

Level 3 Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)

Exam Board: OCR Cambridge Technical

What do I need?

This qualification looks at the role the sector plays in the health, wellbeing and care of individuals. It also introduces students to knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings. Underpinning the qualification is a focus on quality care, person-centred values, rights of individuals, communicating effectively, protecting individuals and understanding human anatomy and physiology. The qualification is designed to help students learn practical skills that can be applied to real-life contexts and work situations, to think creatively, analytically, logically and critically and develop independence and confidence in using skills that would be relevant to the health and social care sector and more widely

If you are interested in a career in Nursing, Social Work, Care, Early Years sector or other health and social related professions then this course is a fantastic choice! Our range of work placements offer students invaluable opportunities to gain real life experience with working with people within the different sectors of care.

You should be a student who:

- Has a good record of meeting deadlines so that you do not fall behind with coursework
- Is interested in working with people in a caring or teaching role
- Enjoys learning more about yourself and people around you
- Can research independently to produce assignments of a very high standard
- Shows commitment to written tasks and therefore has a strong written skill
- Has a natural caring attitude towards others showing patience, tolerance and respect
- Enjoys discussion and practical, student centred learning

Please note that you should be confident with biology as there is a 2 hour exam on Anatomy and Physiology which is biggest weighted unit.

What will I learn and how will I be assessed?

Assessment is a combination of exams and coursework. This qualification is graded at Distinction* (A*), Distinction (A), Merit (C) or Pass (E).

Health and Social Care course structure

Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-Level)

Year 1 Units	Mandatory/ Optional	Assessment	Points value
Unit 3: Health, Safety and Security in Health and Social Care	M	Exam	60
Unit 2: Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care	M	Exam	60
Unit 4: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care	M	Exam	90

Year 2 Units		Assessment	Points value
Unit 1: Building Positive Relationships in Health and Social Care	M	NEA	60
Unit 17: Supporting people with mental health conditions	O	NEA	60
Unit 24: Public Health	O	NEA	30

Is there anything else I need to know?

This course combines well with subjects such as English Language and other Social Science subjects such as Sociology and Psychology as well as Biology as a key component is assessed on the human body. Past students have gone on to complete apprenticeships or gone to university. They have followed programmes in nursing, teaching, early years, social sciences, youth work and special needs education. Some have been employed in Health and Social Services working at all different levels. For further information see www.ocr.co.uk Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Health and Social Care 2016 Suite. Also see www.surestart.co.uk, www.bbc.co.uk/health/, www.communitycare.co.uk.