

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE – Level 1/2 CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

What qualification does this course lead to?

The course has been developed to give learners the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of the health and social care sector, along with early years settings. Achievement at Level 2 provides a suitable foundation for further study within the sector, supporting progression on to other vocational qualifications at Level 3, such as the OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care along with other GCE A levels, e.g. Psychology, Biology etc.

What topics will I study?

You will study 3 units:

- ✓ R032 – Mandatory - Principles of care in Health and Social Care. Exam worth 40%
- ✓ R033 – Mandatory - Supporting Individuals through life events. Coursework 30%
- Optional units – (choose one) Coursework 30%
 - ✓ R034 – Creative and Therapeutic Activities
 - ✓ R035 – Health promotion campaigns

What understanding and skills will I develop?

The Cambridge National in Health and Social Care will encourage students to:

- understand and apply the fundamental principles and concepts of the rights of individuals, person-centred values of care, effective communication and how to protect individuals in health and social care and early years settings
- develop learning and practical skills that can be applied to real-life contexts and work situations
- think creatively, innovatively, analytically, logically and critically
- develop independence and confidence in using skills that would be relevant to the health care sector

How will I learn/ how will I be taught?

The qualification offers an approach based on the learners taking on the role of being employed within the health and social care sectors (by way of scenarios). Teaching strategies reflect the nature of the work within the health and social care professions, using a series of assignments and activities encouraging learners to take responsibility and ownership for their learning.

What can this course lead on to?

The qualification will give you the knowledge, understanding and competency needed when considering entering employment in the health and social care sector. You will gain grounding in the essential skills and broad fundamentals crucial to this area of study, giving you the opportunity to build on these afterwards by undertaking another Level 2 qualification, or to progress to a qualification at Level 3.

Employment opportunities

Following completion of the Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care, successful candidates would be able to enter initial employment, at a junior level, in a range of health and social care settings, e.g. a nursery nurse apprenticeship.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care course, it is possible for you to progress to a higher level qualification such as the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care. You may choose to study further and progress onto higher education and pursue careers such as nursing, social work, occupational health and primary education.

Who do I need to contact for more information?

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