

Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social OCR (Cambridge Technical)

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Why study Health and Social Care?

With the demographics in the UK changing rapidly and the population living longer, the health and social care sectors will experience huge growth over the next few years. For those wishing to work in these sectors, this qualification provides a solid foundation of knowledge, practical skills, and experience.

About the course

We will help you develop professional and personal skills through interaction with people who either work in the sector or require care or support, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin your skills.

You will learn about specific, person-centred care and support and build positive relationships with the people you may work with. You will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial, and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses.

You will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting health and social care, so that you can ensure the people they are working with are not only able to access all the care and support they are entitled to but are also able to protect themselves from any harm or abuse whilst at work.

This course helps you prepare for university or apprenticeships once leaving the Sixth Form. Many pupils have secured places on Midwifery and Child and Adult Nursing courses. Some pupils have also gone into teaching or apprenticeships in Childcare.

You have the option of completing an Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A Level), Diploma (Two A Level) or an Extended Diploma (Three A Level). We often have visiting practitioners come in and discuss their vocations to help pupils apply their understanding.

Assessment

Unlike A Levels you have the option to retake your unit exams, giving you the option to improve, there are two exam sittings each year, in January or June.

The Extended Certificate is 50% coursework and 50% exams that is split over the two years. The Diploma is composed of seven pieces of coursework and five exams.

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Entry criteria

You need to have achieved three grade 5's, including Science.

Outside the classroom

University for a Health Taster Day. Students are also given support to help them apply for work experience in their chosen field or volunteering at Treliske Hospital.

We offer students the opportunity to visit Plymouth University.

I studied Health and Social care at Newquay Tretherras Sixth Form and loved it! I am now deputy manager at Little Lambs Child Care and loving my job. The course really prepared for this vocation.

Jordanne Williams



Minor Injuries

In Minor Injuries we treat people who are not in immediate danger of injury or illness.



Studying Health and Social Care whilst at Sixth Form allowed me to get a great baseline understanding before starting my course with Plymouth University to become a children's nurse. I have now been a registered nurse for just over six months and work as a specialist children's nurse in the emergency department. I love my job and every day is different. I am constantly learning, and the job is very rewarding!

Bethany Wilton