

Health & Social Care

General Information

If you have a lively and enquiring mind, a willingness to explore new ideas, an ability to communicate your ideas effectively and aim to work in a health and social care setting, then this is definitely the course for you.

This increasingly popular course offers you the opportunity to work in a friendly and supportive environment where staff encourage the development of skills, confidence and independence. You will gain practical experience and will meet with a number of Health & Social Care professionals during your time with us.

Topics include . . .

- Effective Communication
- Equality, Diversity and Rights
- Development through Life Stages
- Psychological and Sociological perspectives
- Caring for children and young people
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Dealing with Challenging Behaviour

Examination details

You will complete units of coursework which are internally assessed and then externally moderated twice a year. Coursework is graded based on Pass, Merit, or Distinction criteria. Each unit equates to a certain number of points and these points, in turn correspond to an overall grade for the qualification.

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Entry requirements

It is strongly recommended for you to have a grade 4 in GCSE English. You must also meet the College general entry requirements for Advanced Level study. Please see the current Prospectus - Advanced Programmes, entry requirements.

In this subject, particular skills and aptitudes will be required, many of which will be demonstrated by students' GCSE profiles.

Entry requirements might be changed in light of curriculum reform

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Useful / common subject combinations

For progression into some careers, you are advised to combine Health and Social Care with other specific subjects.

For a career in teaching:

Students taking this course should also be studying a National Curriculum subject at advanced level e.g. English or History. You must also have at least Grade 4 in GCSE Maths, English and Science.

For a career in nursing:

You should also consider taking Applied Science, Psychology or Sociology with Health and Social Care.

For Physiotherapy:

You are advised to take a combination of Biology, Applied Science or Sport and Leisure. Physiotherapy is very popular and there is competition for places on courses with high grades required at A Level.

For Social Work:

Sociology, Psychology or English combine well with Health and Social Care. Experience of working with different client groups and voluntary work is essential.

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How it is taught

You will have the opportunity to work independently and as part of a group in class based learning activities. In addition, you will speak to practitioners and service users from a range of health, social care and early years organisations. If you enjoy meeting new people and gaining information first hand you will find this course interesting.

Work experience will be arranged during the course to enable you to complete coursework and to assist with career planning.

You will develop and use skills of planning, research, report writing, self reflection and evaluation.

Careers / HE information

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical gives a firm foundation if you wish to work in the variety of careers available within the Health and Social Care sector. The wide variety of units enables you to meet the needs of people in any setting, in any job role. The course gives a vocational and academic grounding in all aspects of Health & Social Care. You have the opportunity to consider a range of options within each vocational pathway - health, social care and early years care and education.

Course Content

Health and Social Care is a coursework based qualification. You complete units of coursework that are based around vocational health and social care settings and cover a wide variety of topic areas.

The Certificate is made up of 4 units covered in the first year and is equivalent to an AS Level.

The Introductory Diploma is made up of 8 units covered over the course of two years and is the equivalent of 1 A Level.

The Diploma is made up of 15 units of coursework and is equivalent to 2 A Levels.