

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 . . .

- Building positive relationships
- Equality, Diversity and Rights
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Supporting people with Mental Health conditions
- Nutrition

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Entry requirements

It is strongly recommended for you to have a grade 4 in GCSE English & Science. 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 and subject content 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.

Assessment

Health and Social Care is a largely 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. Some units are assessed by exams.

The Certificate is made up of 3 units covered in the first year and is equivalent to an AS Level. There are two 90 minute exams that are marked out of 60 and one coursework unit.

The Extended Certificate is made up of 6 units over the course of two years. There are three exams and three coursework units to complete and it is equivalent to an A Level

The Diploma qualification is the equivalent to 2 A Levels. There are 12 units to complete; 7 coursework units and 5 exams. It is completed over two years.