



OCR Cambridge Nationals Certificate in Health and Social Care

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Level 2 Certificate

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Who is this course aimed at?

The Cambridge Nationals in Health and Social Care is an option subject, the Level 2 Certificate being the same size as a GCSE. It is designed to equip anyone who has an interest in Health, Social Care or Early Years, with the essential knowledge and transferable skills to enable them to make valid personal choices about further education, training or employment in this field. Related employment might include Nursing; Nursery Nursing; Midwifery; Occupational and Physiotherapy; Pharmacy, Medicine, Social Work, or Teaching, for example.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is based on three portfolios of work (75% of your grade), and one 1 hour external examination which is set and marked by OCR (25% of your grade). The exam can be sat at any of four points during the two year course, The portfolios of work can contain a range of evidence, from posters or project work, to video evidence.

Will I enjoy the course?

This Health and Social Care course is a varied and interesting course involving a range of teaching, learning and assessment styles to motivate and encourage creativity and independence. There will be opportunities to visit local Health, Social Care and Early Years care settings, as well as to interview visiting speakers, which helps to put learning into context.

What will be expected of me?

You will be encouraged to take charge of your own learning and development, carrying out research and gathering information from a variety of different sources, visiting speakers and visits to workplaces. You will be asked to present your findings in a variety of formats.

What will I study?

Unit 1: Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings.

This mandatory examined unit focuses on the rights of individuals. You will learn about the values of care that are important if you are working in a health, social care or early years environment. Individuals who use services often feel vulnerable, therefore you need to understand how important it is to be friendly and supportive, so they will feel respected and valued.

Unit 2: Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings.

This is the mandatory portfolio of work. You will gain knowledge and understanding of how to communicate effectively and what personal qualities will contribute to the creation of a caring environment when working with individuals in a health, social care or early years setting.

Units 3 and 4

The final two units are both internally assessed and externally moderated portfolios of work. As a class you will select two out of the eight optional units that most appeal to the interests of the class. These optional units include 'Understanding the nutrients needed for good health', 'Basic first aid', 'Understanding Life Stages' and 'Creative activities to support individuals in Health, Social Care and Early Years settings'.