

Course Outline

This vocational qualification is aimed at students who wish to work in the Health and Social Care sector or simply feel they would benefit from gaining the experience and understanding that the course offers.

The qualification is made up of three components focusing on the assessment of knowledge, skills and practices related to the Health and Social Care services and the health and well-being of individuals.

The written assignment for Component 1 focuses on the knowledge and understanding of human growth and development and how people deal with major life events.

For Component 2, the written assignment focuses on care values and working within the Health and Social Care sector.

Component 3 focuses on the health and well-being of individuals and is an externally assessed exam.

Assessment

Students are required to complete and achieve in all three components. Components 1 and 2 are assessed internally and students are required to produce written assignments in response to set tasks. These tasks are completed in controlled conditions, in timed sessions during year 10 and year 11.

Component three is an exam based unit and is assessed externally. Students will be tested on their knowledge, understanding and application of health and wellbeing. The exam takes place in year 11.

The points achieved for all three components are added together to form the final grade, which is awarded as a level one or level two, pass merit or distinction. The qualification is equivalent to one GCSE.

Progression/further study

As well as the course content, students will be given the opportunity to explore career options within the health and social care sector and will be supported in their decision making regarding post 16 choices. These choices could include-

BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care
CACHE Children's Care, Learning and Development
NVQ Levels 2 and 3 in Health and Social Care

Possible career paths include health care worker, nurse, social worker, nursery nurse, carer or early years' classroom teacher however this course is not just suitable for students wishing to have a career in the health and social care sector. This course allows students to gain vital skills that are necessary when working with others and therefore can be applied to many other vocations.