



OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical HSC

This qualification will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding that will allow you to progress onto Higher Education on a health and social care-related programme such as Health and Social Care, Nursing, Social Work or Early Childhood Studies. You will learn by applying your skills, knowledge and understanding to tasks or activities that are relevant to what happens in health, social care and child care workplaces. Having an appreciation of what happens in the workplace will also help to prepare you for continuing your education in this sector. We have worked with universities and employers who have helped us include the transferable skills, knowledge and understanding that they are looking for in prospective applicants.

What will you study?

Building positive relationships in health and social care: This unit aims to introduce you to the many different relationships that you will encounter within the health and social care sector; whether with colleagues, senior members of staff, other professionals within the sector or individuals who require care and support. By doing this unit you will apply communication and relationship building skills in a practical way, considering how different factors, including context, can impact on the building of positive relationships.

Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care: This unit will help you to understand the implications of diversity on practice and also the effects of discriminatory practice on individuals who require care or support. You will also gain an appreciation of how legislation and national initiatives can support and promote anti-discriminatory practice.

Health, safety and security in health and social care: This unit introduces you to health, safety and security in health and social care. You will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to equip you in maintaining a safe working environment for yourself, your colleagues and individuals who require care and support. You will learn how legislation, policies and procedures work to reduce risks in health and social care and the consequences of not following them. You will also learn how to respond to different incidents and emergencies within health and social care settings.

Anatomy and physiology for health and social care: This unit aims to introduce you to the basic structure and functions of the body systems involved in everyday activities and maintenance of health, including cardiovascular, respiratory and digestive systems. You will also understand the part played by organs such as the pancreas, liver and kidney. You will investigate the systems and organs involved in detecting and responding to change such as the nervous system as well as the eyes and ears.

Safeguarding: People who require care and support are often at the forefront of media exposés about abuse, exploitation and neglect. As practitioners in the health and social care sector we must all be aware of safeguarding. Protecting people from harm is a core role for all workers in the health and social care sector. In this unit you will learn how to support and protect people and understand who is vulnerable by being able to recognise signs of abuse, exploitation and harm in both children and adults.

How will the course be assessed?

A combination of coursework and examinations.

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