



WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE

Health and Social Care introduces you to a wide variety of job roles working with people of all ages and environments including nursing, teaching, early years support and social care. You will follow a programme of study that will enable you to progress to further courses, apprenticeships and employment in these areas.

The aims of the course are to provide learners with:

- Essential knowledge of the Health and Social Care industry.
- Gain transferrable skills useful for everyday life.
- Give students the opportunity to enhance their skills for that next step in their career path.
- Encourages students to become independent and creative learners.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Component 1 – Human Lifespan Development. You will study how people grow and develop over the course of their life, from infancy to old age. This includes physical, intellectual, emotional and social development and the different factors that may affect them.
- Component 2 – Health and Social Care Services and values. Learners study and practically explore health and social care services and how they meet the needs of real service users. They also develop skills in applying care values.
- Component 3 – Health and Wellbeing. In this externally assessed component you investigate the factors that can have a positive or negative influence on a person's health and wellbeing. You will learn to interpret physiological and lifestyle indicators and what they mean for someone's state of health. You will learn how to use this information to design an appropriate plan for improving someone's health and wellbeing, including short and long term targets.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Component 3 is an exam based assessment. Components 1 and 2 are controlled assessments through course work. These are mainly carried out in lessons with home learning opportunities to develop and improve their assignments. Strict deadlines will be set to ensure a smooth and effective moderation process.

About the Health and Social Care Sector

About 3 million people work in health or social care. Health care roles include doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives and health care assistants, while social care roles include care assistants, occupational therapists, counsellors and administrative roles. Together they account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs in the UK. Demand for both health and social care is likely to rise so they will continue to play a key role in our society, and the demand for people to fill these vital jobs will increase.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

The majority of the assessment is course work so you must be motivated to meet deadlines and able to work independently. It is important that you have:

- A lively and enquiring mind.
- A big interest in the health and social care industry.
- The ability to work under pressure
- The ability to communicate your ideas effectively.
- Good time management skills.