

KS4 Certificate Health and Social Care

Course Specifications

Exam board: OCR

Course type: Cambridge National

Course Description

If you are interested in developing an understanding of health and social care (H&SC) services; how social policy and legislation affects the provision of these services; and how different factors affect the development of human beings, then this course is for you!

The issues within health and social care have been the subject of many political and social debates e.g. the privatization of the NHS, funding of health and social care services and the impact of poverty on families. Thus, making H&SC a relevant and interesting subject to study.

Skills & Abilities

Through studying H&SC you will be able to develop a range of transferable skills, which include: verbal and written communication skills, analytical skills for gathering and recording relevant information and evidence, evaluative skills for discussing health and social care related topics and arguments to reach appropriate conclusions, recall and application skills of health and social care topics.

Assessment

You will need to complete four units for the OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate. This course is equivalent to one GCSE. It consists of two mandatory units which you will complete in year 10 and two units which will have to be completed in year 11.

This course involves the successful completion of one 60 mark exam unit and three 60 mark coursework units over two years.

R021: Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings

Written paper 1 hour 30

OCR moderated

R022: Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings

Centre assessed task OCR moderated

Careers & Progression

There is a huge variety of professional careers, occupations and further and higher university courses that studying health and social care can lead too, including: degrees in social sciences and related subjects, and careers in nursing, midwifery, teaching, social work, counselling, youth work.

Guidance & Advice

Cambridge National level 1/ 2 Health and Social Care textbook
BBC Bitesize Health & Social Care website
NHS.uk and NICE.org.uk websites