

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 privatisation 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 three units overall for the OCR Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate. This course is equivalent to one GCSE. It consists of two mandatory units, one of which you will complete in year 10 and one unit which will have to be completed in year 11. An optional 60 mark unit will be completed alongside.

This course involves the successful completion of one 70 mark exam unit and two 60 mark coursework units over two years.

Unit R032: Principles of care in health and social care settings (70 marks)

Written paper 1 hour 15

OCR moderated

Unit R033: Supporting individuals through life events (60 marks)

Centre assessed task OCR moderated

Unit R034: Creative and therapeutic activities (60 marks)

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