

Health and Social Care (Level 2 Cambridge National)
Examination Board: OCR

What is the course like?

The OCR Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care is the ideal option for those pupils who are considering a career in health or social care professions, or who want to develop knowledge and skills in health and social care. The course is designed to suit those studying the subject for the first time. It will equip pupils with some of the skills they will require in the workplace or in further education or training. Equivalent to a GCSE in size and standard, the qualification leads to a level 2 certificate with the following grades: distinction*, distinction, merit and pass.

The course provides pupils with a suitable basis for further study in this subject or for related courses, such as Level 3 Health and Social Care, A-Levels, T-Levels, and apprenticeships. Studying Health and Social Care can help prepare pupils for careers as a social worker, care assistant, counsellor, and for many roles within the NHS.

Key Skills are included in the course specification and the aim of this qualification is to enable pupils to:

- Develop an understanding of health and social care
- Learn about the stages of personal development
- Apply learning in a practical and realistic way for example by planning and delivering a creative activity to a group or individual
- Pupils will be encouraged through a range of opportunities to take charge of their own learning and development.

What is studied during the course?

- The principles of care which are important when caring for, and protecting people, in health and social care, including the rights of service users, person-centred values, and effective communication in health and social care settings.
- Supporting individuals through life events: life stages, impacts of life events, and sources of support.
- Different therapies and creative activities, and how they can benefit people.

How is the course assessed?

The assessment will give credit for what pupils can do as well as what you know. It is based on three units, one of which is examined by an examination and the other two, by a Non-exam Assessment (NEA) - coursework related to the module of study, which will be completed in supervised internal assessment sessions in lesson time.

UNIT	TITLE	ASSESSED
1	Principles of care in health and social care settings	written exam (40%)
2	Supporting individuals through life events	NEA (30%)
3	Creative and therapeutic activities	NEA (30%)

Additional Information

Health and Social Care counts as one option choice with pupils having three lessons a week in Years 10 and 11. The course will have lots of interactive learning opportunities to bring the theory to life, including sessions on British Sign Language & first aid, as well as a trip to a health, social care, or early years setting. Year 10 Work Experience could ideally be in a care setting such as a residential home, which will greatly assist them in the practical elements of the course.

For further information, please contact Mrs Auld.