



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care (600/4221/7)

Overview

This qualification is suitable for students aged 16 years old or above, who are looking to specialise in Health and Social Care.

In order to take this qualification, students do not need any specific knowledge or skills. However, they should be aged 16 years or over.

This qualification has been designed so that it can be delivered in one year.

What does this qualification cover?

All students will take the four mandatory units which will enable them to demonstrate their understanding of the main functional areas of Health and Social Care including communication, individual rights, individual needs and ensuring safe environments in Health and Social Care.

There are a number of optional units that complement the mandatory units from which students must take a minimum of four. These units cover a range of relevant topics including vocational experience, cultural diversity, anatomy and physiology, human lifespan development, creative and therapeutic activities and the impact of diet on health.

This qualification will also enable students to develop other desirable skills. Depending on their choice of optional units, this could include team working and employability skills.

The school or college delivering this qualification is encouraged to build relationships with local employers and involve them in the delivery of the learning programme and, if appropriate, offer opportunities for work-based training.

We've designed this qualification so that schools and colleges can work with employers to create assignments for students to demonstrate they can put their skills and knowledge to use. For example, this may be to create something, solve a problem or find ways to improve something that would be typical of what happens in jobs in the Health and Social Care industry. Employers can also get involved in teaching, from explaining the theories behind Health and Social Care principles and concepts and how they apply to the work they do, to talking about what to think about before assessing someone's care needs.

What could this qualification lead to?

Students may choose to seek employment in a number of roles, such as care assistant, support worker or home care assistant. This qualification will provide students with the opportunity to progress on to a Health or a Health and Social Care Apprenticeship

If the student is taking a three year study programme, this qualification can be taken in the first year and complement a range of Tech Level qualifications at Level 3 that the student might go on to take in the second and third years, such as Tech Levels in health and Social Care.

This qualification is part of a larger suite of Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care. The suite consists of an Extended Certificate and this Diploma. Both qualifications are designed to be taken alongside other qualifications.

The Diploma takes 360 guided learning hours to deliver. This means it is a similar size to three GCSEs or one A level and if delivered in one year it takes about two thirds of the academic year to complete. This can help students to choose where they would like to specialise within the industry and inform further study or career choices.

The Extended Certificate takes 180 guided learning hours to deliver. This means it is a similar size to one and a half GCSEs or one AS level and if delivered in one year takes about one third of the academic year to complete. This gives the student the flexibility to take a range of other qualifications whether vocational or academic in preparation for further study or employment in the sector.