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SUBJECT & QUALIFICATION: KS4 Health & Social Care

Why is the study of Health & Social Care important?

The Health and Social Care sector is undergoing radical and rapid change. Developments in frontline health and social care mean there's a demand for well-trained and multi-skilled people across a range of rewarding employment opportunities. Opportunities are expanding in certain fields with, for example, significant recruitment to health visitor roles. Studying a qualification in health and social care allows you to develop transferable skills which are applicable to a wide range of graduate careers both within and outside the Health and Social Care sector. The CACHE Level 2 qualification combines both coursework and external examinations within the assessment structure, which will support learners in achieving their full potential. Not only does it develop subject knowledge, but it prepares learners for the world of work and helps them understand individuals on a higher level. The qualification gives a broad and sufficiently in-depth base from which Level 2 learners at Stage 4 in their compulsory education can begin to make informed decisions concerning future career goals and aspirations.

What skills will the study of Health & Social Care teach you?

As well as the subject knowledge you develop, the work-related skills that are highly valued by employers, increasing your employability. Some of these skills include to:

- draw together, analyse and critically evaluate information
- communicate effectively with individuals, groups and organisations
- · produce accurate records and make informed decisions
- · think logically and propose reasoned solutions
- put together well-judged arguments and question assumptions
- manage time, learn independently and use ICT effectively
- work as part of a team and take on responsibility
- · write concisely, clearly and accurately
- interpret, use and evaluate various types of data
- relate knowledge gained to situations in health and social care.

What will you know and understand from your study of Health & Social Care

The Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care will enable you to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to the health and social care sector. This qualification will be delivered as part of the curriculum studied at Key Stage 4. The qualification will cover 3 units:

- I- An introduction to the health and social care sector- Areas
- that are included are
- types of provision: function and purpose
- job roles of health and social care practitioners
- access/referral procedures
- ever-changing care needs
- formal and informal care provision

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- regulation and inspection.
- 2- Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner- Areas that are included are:
- responsibilities, skills, behaviours and attributes of health and social care practitioners
- professional practice
- professional development
- · legal frameworks, values and guidance
- components of person-centred practice
- teamwork and partnership working
- · career pathways
- 3- Human growth and development through the life stages- Areas that are included are:
- stages of development from conception to birth
- potential effects on development of pre-conception
- experiences, pre-birth experiences and during birth experiences
- holistic development across the life stages:- infancy-childhood- adolescence- early, middle and late adulthood
- theoretical perspectives of development
- factors impacting on human growth and development
- transition and significant life events across life stages
- the role of care planning in relation to meeting individual needs and promoting well-being

How can you deepen your understanding of Health & Social Care?

During the Health and Social Care course, guest speakers from different areas of the sector will be invited in to deliver career overviews and guidance. This allows you to ask questions directly to the professionals in order to gain a deeper understanding of the job roles in the health and social care sector. Coursework enrichment is available every week; this is where you can stay behind after school with the Head of Department for additional support with your coursework in a smaller group setting, or to complete/ catch up with any coursework which you have yet to complete. The NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care textbook is available on Amazon and would support you during this course, as well as the NHS website, Prospects.ac.uk, and nmc.org.uk.

How are you assessed in Health & Social Care?

There are key assessment points throughout the year that inform a report to students and parents about their effort, attainment and progress. We assess how students at their current stage of study are on track to reach their end of stage targets which are formulated on aspirational expectation from their KS2 starting points. We make an informed prediction from our holistic assessments based on our subject mapping of expectation across the CACHE Level 2 Technical Award Level 1/2 in Health and Social Care curriculum. This course is assessed with three coursework units and one examination unit (examination worth 45.5% of the qualification grade). Each coursework unit is assessed internally, and the examination is completed during Year 10.

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Key Assessment Objectives

To understand:

- health and social care provision
- job roles of health and social care practitioners
- · how health and social care services are accessed
- · specific care needs and services accessed by individuals throughout the life stages
- informal care
- regulation and inspection in health and social care provision
- the responsibilities of health and social care practitioners
- · health and social care values underpinning practice
- partnership working in health and social care
- · different career pathways in the health and social care sector
- development from conception to birth
- · development across the lifespan
- influences on human development
- · transitions and significant life events
- the role of care planning in meeting the needs of individuals and promoting well-being

Study of Health & Social Care can lead to a wide range of careers:

Studying Health and Social Care provides many possible progression routes onto Further Education, Apprenticeships and Higher Education. Popular career routes in this sector include nursing, midwifery, medicine, teaching, social work, and public services.

Health & Social Care Course Overview			
Term	Year I	Year 2	
Autumn I	Unit I- An introduction to the health and social care sector- • types of provision (statutory, private, voluntary): functions and purpose of different services • job roles of health and social care practitioners, e.g. nurse, doctor, occupational therapist, dietician, counsellor	Students will begin examination Unit 3- Human growth and development through the life stages: • stages of development from conception to birth • potential effects on development from conception, e.g. the consumption of drugs and alcohol during pregnancy • experiences, pre-birth experiences and during birth experiences, e.g. complications during labour	



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Autumn 2	Unit I- An introduction to the health and social care sector- • the different ways to access/ ways of referral procedures to different services • ever-changing care needs of individuals at different stages in their life, and services to meet those needs	Unit 3- Human growth and development through the life stages • holistic development across the life stages:- infancy-childhood- adolescence- early, middle and late adulthood • theoretical perspectives of development, e.g. nature vs. nurture
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Spring I	Unit I- An introduction to the health and social care sector- • the difference between formal and informal care provision • the regulation and inspection of health and social care services through OFSTED and the CQC.	Unit 3- Human growth and development through the life stages • factors impacting on human growth and development, e.g. relationships, culture, ill health • transition and significant life events across life stages, e.g. marriage, parenthood, divorce, bereavement,
Spring 2	Unit 2- Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner- • responsibilities, skills, behaviours and attributes of health and social care practitioners • professional practice when working with vulnerable people	Unit 3- Human growth and development through the life stages • the role of care planning in relation to meeting individual needs and promoting well-being, e.g. risk assessing, supporting needs
Summer I	Unit 2- Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner- • professional development • legal frameworks, values and guidance when working in the health and social care sector.	Examination month- the examination will take place during May/ June. This half term will be spent revising and completing exam question practice.
Summer 2	Unit 2- Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner- • components of person-centred practice and how to meet needs. • teamwork and partnership working with a multi agency approach to care • career pathways in the health and social care sector.	The opportunity to improve coursework grades from across the 2 years. This half term will focus on reviewing coursework completed in unit 1 and 2 and aiming to improve to achieve all distinction tasks.