



Post 16 Subject Overview

Name of Subject – T-Level Health

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

The course follows the **NCFE T Level Health (2023 Specification)**. This includes the core elements of health and science, alongside occupational specialism in **Supporting Therapy Teams**.

Why should I study this course?

This course provides an excellent opportunity to gain both theoretical knowledge and practical skills in health and social care settings. It's perfect for those who are passionate about a career in healthcare, offering:

- Work placements in real healthcare settings, giving you invaluable experience.
- A blend of academic study and practical application to prepare you for employment or further education, such as apprenticeships or university degrees in healthcare.
- A chance to learn key skills in communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. By completing this qualification, you'll be well-prepared to progress into a range of health-related careers, including nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and more.

Who is suitable to study this course?

This qualification is suitable for post-16 students looking to develop both knowledge and practical skills in the health sector.

This technical qualification will support students onto a range of progression routes including employment, higher education and higher apprenticeships.

This course is suitable for students who:

- Have a genuine interest in pursuing a career in healthcare or medical science.
- Enjoy a mix of academic learning and hands-on practical experience.
- Are able to work independently and collaboratively in a team.
- Are committed, hardworking, and ready to meet the challenges of balancing coursework, exams, and placements.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?

- English Language and Mathematics (minimum Grade 4 is typically required).
- Biology or Combined Science, as a solid understanding of human biology is important

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

Four GCSEs at grade 4+ or equivalent, which must include English, Maths and Science.

How is the Course Delivered?

Students on this course will study both the key Health core concepts and also specialise in the key concepts around supporting allied health professionals and adult mental health nursing teams.

The core element of a T Level in Health will boost your knowledge in a range of topics such as the principles of good scientific and clinical practice, as well as fundamental scientific concepts; not to mention your understanding of standard operating procedures, management of equipment and work areas, stock control and storage, and the importance of quality standards, health and safety. And as health is one of the fastest growing industry sectors, you'll have a chance to make a huge difference to other people's lives and society as a whole.

You'll then choose a specialism designed to support your interests, so you can get deeper into your chosen subject and build up the skills you need for your future job. You can choose from specialist modules including supporting either Therapy teams (AHP) or Mental Health.

Then you'll be able to put everything you learn into practice, with a substantial industry placement of around 45 days. Giving you an amazing opportunity to work with an employer while you study, in a hospital or other healthcare setting, and gain invaluable experience as well as key skills that employers are looking for.

How is the Course Assessed?

The NCFE T Level Health qualification is assessed through a combination of written exams, coursework, and practical assessments to ensure you are equipped with both theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills.

1. **Core Component:**

- **Paper A and Paper B:** These written examinations assess your understanding of key topics such as human anatomy, healthcare systems, and patient care.
- **Employer Set Project:** This project involves a real-world scenario provided by an employer, allowing you to demonstrate how you can apply what you've learned in a practical context.
To achieve a grade for the core component, you must complete both the written examinations and the employer-set project. The combined results from

these sub-components will form the overall core component grade (A to E, or U for ungraded).*

2. Occupational Specialism Component:

- **Synoptic Assignments:** *These assignments focus on your ability to integrate and apply your knowledge across different aspects of the healthcare sector. To achieve a grade in the occupational specialism component, you must successfully complete the synoptic assignments and achieve at least a Pass. A Merit or Distinction is required for higher grades. If the specified level of attainment is not reached, a U grade will be awarded.*

3. Practical Skills Assessment:

Your practical skills will also be assessed during work placements and in the hospital suite, where you'll demonstrate your ability to apply healthcare techniques and collaborate with teams in healthcare settings.

This combination of assessments ensures you are well-prepared for a future in healthcare, with both academic and practical components forming your final grade.

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

To prepare for this course, we recommend the following:

1. **NCFE T Level Health Textbook** (2023)
2. **Human Biology Made Simple** by E. N. Marieb – a straightforward guide to key biology concepts.
3. **The Anatomy Coloring Book** by Wynn Kapit and Lawrence M. Elson – an engaging way to learn human anatomy.
4. **Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End** by Atul Gawande – insight into the challenges of healthcare.
5. **NHS Constitution for England** – to understand the values and principles of the UK's healthcare system.

Warning to prospective candidates - places are limited on our T Levels, because we only have the best and most suitable placements on offer for students.