

Health and Social Care

What will I learn?

The Technical Award main focus is on three areas, which cover:

- Skills and processes, such as interpreting data to assess an individual's health, and designing a plan to improve their health and wellbeing.
- Attitudes, namely the care values that are vitally important in the sector, and the opportunity to practise applying them.
- Knowledge that underpins an understanding of human growth and development, health and social care services, and factors affecting people's health and wellbeing.

What do I need to know before I can start the course?

There are no pre-requisites for this course; you need to know that you are interested in helping and learning about people! About 3 million people work in health or social care. Health care roles include doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives and health care assistants, while social care roles include care assistants, occupational therapists, counsellors and administrative roles. Together they account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs in the UK. Demand for both health and social care is likely to rise so they will continue to play a key role in UK society, and the demand for people to fill these vital jobs will increase.

What does the course involve?

The course will include controlled assessment and examinations which may include:

Human Lifespan Development

Health and Social Care Services and Values

With a final external exam paper for:

Health and Wellbeing.

What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

Learners who generally achieve at Level 2 across their Key Stage 4 learning might consider progression to:

- A Levels as preparation for entry into Higher Education in a range of subjects.
- Study of a vocational qualification at Level 3, such as a BTEC National in Health and Social Care, which prepares to enter employment or apprenticeships, or to move on to Higher Education by studying a degree in aspects of health or social care.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Mrs Fanning – Programme Leader for the Social Faculty.