

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in the Safe Handling of Medication		
Qualification number (QN)	603/2814/9		
Total qualification time (TQT):	140	Guided learning hours (GL)	112
Entry requirements:	<p>There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 2 qualification in medication, healthcare or social care.</p> <p>Entry is at the discretion of the Centre. However, learners should be aged 18 or above to undertake this qualification.</p>		

About this qualification

The objectives of this qualification are to help learners to:

- support the use of medication in social care settings, and the need for accurate recording and reporting on the use of medication
- understand how to promote and safeguard the well-being of individuals in relation to medication use know how to provide person-centred care to individuals with dementia through the appropriate and effective use of medication
- understand the importance of physiological measurements, and how to prepare and undertake these measurements

The aim of this qualification is to increase the knowledge, understanding and skills required for the safe handling of medication. Successful completion of this qualification may allow learners to progress onto other appropriate qualifications. It may also enhance or progress their current role in healthcare or social care.

Qualification structure

Learners must achieve all 4 mandatory units.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 Support use of medication in social care settings
Unit 02 Understand how to safeguard the well-being of individuals in relation to medication use
Unit 03 Understand the administration of medication to individuals with dementia using a person-centred approach
Unit 04 Understand physiological measurements

Assessment

All units will be individually internally assessed using a range of methods which could include written assignments or case studies.

Placement requirements

Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

Unit 01 learning outcomes 5, 7 and 8 must be assessed in the workplace using observation of practice as the primary source of evidence. See the Skills for Care and Development Assessment Principles for full requirements.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to:

- Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support
- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Understanding the Principles of Dementia Care



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