

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Health and Social Care (QRN 603/1909/4)

Who is this qualification for?

The Level 2 Award in Health and Social Care has been designed to meet the needs of learners from the age of 14 years. It will provide an opportunity to gain a vocational qualification that gives an introduction to the sector and enables learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of health and social care.

This qualification is a good choice for you if you have little or no previous experience and you wish to gain an understanding of health and social care. It is also ideal for you if you wish to progress to further learning in this area, as it supports progression to a broad range of vocational training courses at Level 2 and above, including our health and social care qualifications at Level 3.

You will need to be at least 14 years of age to take this qualification. We do not set any other formal entry requirements, but schools or colleges may have their own guidelines.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

The qualification provides an introduction to working in health and social care.

There are 3 mandatory units:

- TAHSC 1: Introduction to the health and social care sector
- TAHSC 2: Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner
- TAHSC 3: Human growth and development through the life stages

To gain this qualification, you will need to achieve a minimum of a pass grade in:

- each of the 3 internal mandatory assessments (externally set, internally marked)
- the external synoptic assessment (externally set, externally marked).

Completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom-based learning. It can be completed in two years or less.

What knowledge and skills will the learner develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

This qualification will enable you to develop transferable knowledge within the health and social care sector and study skills that will support progression to further learning.

You will develop knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

Unit TAHSC 1: Introduction to the health and social care sector

- 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

Unit TAHSC 2: Professional practice and the health and social care practitioner

- 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

Unit TAHSC 3: Human growth and development through the life stages

- development from conception to birth
- development across the life span
- influences on human development
- transitions and significant life events
- the role of care planning in meeting the needs of individuals and promoting well-being

Which subjects will complement this course?

This qualification is not part of a suite but you may wish to study the Level 2 Award in Child Development and Care which is a Technical Award alongside this qualification as it serves as an introduction to child development and well-being. Both of these qualifications will provide a starting point for you to decide whether a career in health and social care and/or child care and education is right for you.

You can also study the Level 2 Award in Health and Social Care qualification alongside any subjects at GCSE.

Further Information

You can find further information on the qualification on our website: www.cache.org.uk.