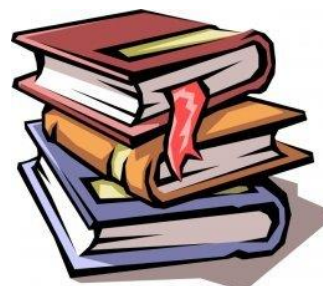


# LEVEL 3

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



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## RECENT CHANGES TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Vocational courses have gone through a major change of bringing together exams and coursework as a way of assessing learners.

As a college we are now going to be offering to all our Health and Social Care students the Cambridge Technical Level 3 Health and Social Care in different sizes to allow them to study Health and Social Care on its own OR with other subjects alongside.

*“It will provide learners with the opportunity, through applied learning, to develop skills, knowledge and understanding required by the Health and Social Care sector as well as some academic skills to support further learning.”*

(OCR Health and Social Care Handbook)

## OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

All lessons are planned to meet and develop the needs of our learners.

As a teaching team we have developed and update our breadth of teaching resources and learning materials covering all units and use our Moodle resources in and outside of the classroom.

Practical lessons = Kinesthetic learning e.g. Developing Health Promotion Campaigns, dissecting a heart, communicating using different methods

Using theory to practice while undertaking work experience and reverse this to reflect back on the work placement.

Use of relevant trips and visiting speakers (e.g. Social Worker, Midwife/Health Visitor, Sexual Health Nurse)

## ASSESSMENT

All units are graded Pass, Merit and Distinction.

Coursework is assessed by your college teacher and will be externally moderated.

Exam units are set and assessed externally by the awarding body. Learners can re-sit an examined unit once before they complete their course.

*“Synoptic assessment is a feature of these qualifications and it requires learners to use an appropriate selection of their knowledge, understanding and skills, acquired through all of the units that make up their qualification, in an integrated way and apply them to a key task or tasks.”*

(OCR Health and Social Care Handbook)

## EXAMPLES OF UNITS STUDIED

Equality, diversity and rights

Anatomy and physiology

Psychology

Safeguarding

Physiological conditions

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Cambridge Technical **Certificate** Health and Social Care = 1 AS  
Equivalence

(1 coursework and 2 exam units)

Cambridge Technical **Extended Certificate** Health and Social Care =  
1 A Level Equivalence

(Certificate units plus 1 exam and 2 coursework units)

Cambridge Technical **Extended Diploma** Health and Social Care (3 A  
Levels equivalence) over 2 years.

The courses above will *“provide learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding that will allow them to progress onto **Higher Education** on a health and social care-related programme such as **Health and Social Care, Nursing, Social Work or Early Childhood Studies**. Learners will learn by applying their skills, knowledge and understanding to tasks or activities that are relevant to what happens in health, social care and child care workplaces.”*

(OCR Health and Social Care Handbook)

## ENTRY AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

## What are the entry requirements for Health and Social Care?

4 GCSEs at grade C or above (including Maths and/or English)

\*If you have *just* missed a grade C in English or Maths, it may be possible for you to complete Level 3 Health and Social Care and take a 1 GCSE resit.

### What if I don't meet the entry requirements for Level 3 Health and Social Care?

We offer a Level 2 option which includes studying Health and Social Care, Children's Play Learning and Development and GCSE resits in English and/or Maths.



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