

# SERVICE INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

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## Health & Social Care

Welcome to the Health & Social Care department!

The NHS employs around 1.4 million people and social care employs 1.6 million people. There are hundreds of different jobs across the sector. Everybody who works in Health and Social Care, whether as a Nurse, a Social Worker, Cleaner, IT Technician, Chef, Administrator, Manager or Support Worker shares the same aim: to help and support other people at times of need. We all need some help or support at one time, and as there are more of us, living longer, the workforce must grow to meet future health and social needs. This growth offers prospective and existing staff greater opportunities.

We offer the following courses for direct entry from school depending on your level and GCSE grades:

- Level 1 Health & Social Care
- Level 2 Health & Social Care
- Level 3 Health & Social Care

Health and Social Care courses are designed to equip students with the skills needed to provide care and support therefore, it is important to be emotionally balanced and resilient to cope with challenging situations and the demands of working within the healthcare sector.

### **Level 1 Health & Social Care**

This qualification will develop the knowledge and awareness of the types of provision in the Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's sectors. They include the roles played by workers – from principles and values through to health and safety and working with others. This qualification is aimed at learners who wish to develop an understanding of these settings before deciding whether working in the sector is for them. It provides opportunities for the development of transferable skills and supports progression to Level 2 qualifications in health, social care or children's settings

### **How is it assessed?**

It will be assessed by your Tutor using a range of methods. This could include tasks such as designing charts or leaflets, coursework or methods such as oral questioning.

**Do you need to be working to take the qualification?**

No, but you are required to gain real work experience or a work placement during your course.

**Level 2 Health & Social Care**

This qualification forms the fundamental knowledge and understanding of health and social care principles and provides an opportunity to develop a broader understanding of the health and social care sector, including factors that affect individuals' lifestyle choices and their health, and the effective communication skills that can be transferred to other sectors. In addition, it introduces a number of specialist areas and the opportunity to acquire some of the practical skills identified by employers as the fundamental building blocks for future competence in the workplace.

This course offers those interested in working within care or social care environments the chance to develop their practical skills including work experience. You will complete placements in relevant settings, where you are assessed to complete a vocational unit. Although this is a practical course, there are a substantial number of coursework tasks to be completed, as well as exams. It is essential that you are organised, and able to meet deadlines.

**Level 3 Health & Social Care**

The Health & Social Care BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma leads on to an Extended Diploma and employment in the health sector, including care homes and day centres working with a variety of people with care and support needs. It will also gain you UCAS points for University entrance in subjects such as Nursing, Social Work, Radiography, Paramedic Sciences and Counselling. Some of these will need GCSE Science at Grade 4 or above.

This is a practical, work-related course. You will learn by completing projects and coursework based on realistic workplace situations, activities, and demands. As well as learning about employment in the care sector, you will develop the knowledge and skills needed for starting a valuable career in this area. You will need to develop good study skills including the ability to research independently and meet deadlines. You will be required to source a variety of work placements, and there are two exams in each year.

Please see below for additional research links which may be of interest:

**Career advice:**

<https://www.cache.org.uk/news-media/career-progression-options-in-health-and-social-care>

**Level 1 Health & Social Care**

<https://www.qualhub.co.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-cache-level-1-diploma-in-introduction-to-health-social-care-and-childrens-a-79>

**Level 2 Health & Social Care**

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/btec.html>

**Level 3 Health & Social Care**

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/about-us/qualification-brands/btec.html>

**Work Submission**

Once you have completed your project, please forward the document (or if you have been working on a project offline eg a sketchbook portfolio please forward a photo of what you have completed) to the following email address along with your full name: [submissions@esc.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@esc.ac.uk). We'll then forward this on to our curriculum teams who will be in touch shortly.