

Purpose Statement

Level 2 Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Health and Care Professions (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to support you to progress to the next level of vocational learning including Further Education. It could also support your entry to employment or support your development within employment. The qualification was designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding across all areas or one chosen specialist area of the health and care sector. The combination of vocational and generic units and the option to experience several areas within the sector will support you to develop a strong foundation that will enable progress to higher level learning and/or employment. For those already in employment, this qualification will contribute to your continued personal development and improved confidence and productivity in the workplace.

Who is it for?

- Learners who are aspiring to work effectively in a health and care setting.
- Learners who are aiming to progress to a Level 3 qualification, including Access to Higher Education

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 16 credits and commit to 160 hours of learning. To achieve the Diploma, you will need to complete 37 credits and commit to 370 hours of learning.

You have the choice of completing the qualifications in one of two ways:

1. Endorsed Pathway. This pathway requires you to complete the mandatory unit, a selection of generic optional units and units from one of the specialist pathways (Health, Social Care, Child Care and Wellbeing)
2. Non-Endorsed Pathway. This pathway requires you to complete the mandatory unit, a selection of generic optional units and units from a minimum of two of the specialist pathways (Health, Social Care, Child Care and Wellbeing).

For both pathway routes, you will be required to complete a mandatory unit 'Health Care Practice' and a choice of generic optional units, including:

- Communication in the Workplace
- Protection and Safeguarding
- Mentor Skills
- Solving Problems in the Workplace

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. However, evidence of achievement at level 1 may be an advantage. There are no restrictions on learner entry and it may be studied alongside other vocational qualifications.

What are the Progression Opportunities?

This qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise and develop your skills and establish personal, learning and employment goals.

You may choose to progress onto a higher level employability qualification, including:

- Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma – Social Work and Social Studies
- Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma – Health and Care Professions
- Advanced Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development

Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment in one of many varied occupational areas. For example:

- Health Care Assistant
- School Lunchtime Supervisor
- Residential Support Worker
- Social Work Assistant
- Hospital Porter

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification.

Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Observation of performance
- Assessments
- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification was developed with and is supported by training providers and Further Education Colleges, including The Manchester College, St Helen's College, Transformation Academy Trust and Holistic Partnership Ltd.