

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care (600/4227/8)

About this qualification

This is an Applied General qualification that is designed for learners aged 16-19 who want to study health and social care and develop an understanding of some of the topics that are fundamental to the health and social care sector. They can learn and be assessed in ways that are practical and relevant to the sector. It is designed to give learners the transferable knowledge and skills to progress to higher education or further study.

What skills and knowledge will be covered?

Learners will take between two and five units, made up of core and optional units. The core unit covers how to develop effective communication techniques for working in health and social care. Learners can then select up to four optional units from a wide range of topic areas from diversity and equality to nutrition to dealing with challenging behaviour to give them a broad understanding of health and social care; or they could pursue a particular area of interest such as a one with a biological focus by selecting optional units on physiology of co-ordination or anatomy and physiology.

Where could this qualification lead to?

1. A Higher Education course. Learners could:
 - a. combine this qualification with additional qualifications and choose to undertake a health and social care related degree from options including Social Sciences, Health and Social Care, or Child Care.
 - b. choose from non-health and social care related degree programmes. This qualification has between 20-70 UCAS points - depending on the grade awarded – so it would be accepted by universities as meeting requirements for entry to a range of degree programmes.
2. Entry onto a Higher Apprenticeship programme in health and social care.
3. It might also provide entry to employment in some health and social care roles, for example direct care or administrative roles within the sector. (Most careers in health and social care require specific qualifications known as a 'licence to practise'. This qualification is not a licence to practise.)