

## **OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care (600/4230/8)**

### **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 where they can learn and be assessed in ways that are practical and relevant to the health and social care 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 12 and 16 units, made up of core and optional units. All learners will cover six topics in their core units: the factors that affect a person's development, how to develop effective communication techniques, equality and diversity, health and safety and sociological and psychological perspectives in health and social care. Learners then select between six and ten optional units from a wide variety of topics. They have the opportunity to study either different topics to give them a broad overview of the sector or to combine related units for a particular area of interest such as social care by including units on support work in social care, dealing with challenging behaviour, working in social care and coping with change in a health and social care context.

This qualification will also enable learners to develop other desirable skills. Depending on their choice of optional units this could include undertaking research or assessing individuals' needs.

### **Where could this qualification lead to?**

1. A Higher Education course. Learners could:
  - a. 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 80 – 280 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. A Higher Level Apprenticeship 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.)