

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (600/4233/3)

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 18 and 22 units, made up of core and optional units. All learners will cover seven topics in their core units: the factors that affect a person's development, anatomy and physiology, effective communication techniques, equality and diversity, health and safety and sociological and psychological perspectives in health and social care. Learners will then select between 11 and 15 optional units from a wide variety of topics. They have the opportunity either to achieve units in a variety of different topics to give them a broad overview of the sector or to combine related units for a particular area of interest such as elder care by including units on promoting health education, caring for older people and safeguarding adults.

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. The qualification also offers learners the opportunity to access work experience and develop the necessary skills to compile a professional development portfolio.

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 120 – 420 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.)