

OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care (600/4236/9)

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 8 and 13 units, made up of core and optional units. The two core units cover how to develop effective communication techniques for working in health and social care and the effects of discriminatory practice on people who use health and social care services and the legislation and policies that supports anti-discriminatory practice. Learners then select between 6 and 11 optional units from a wide variety of topics. They can choose either to study different topic areas to give them a broad overview of the sector or to combine related units for a particular area of interest such as human biology by studying human inheritance, anatomy and physiology, developing through life stages, physiological disorders and physiology of fluid balance.

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

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 60-210 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.)

