



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (600/4224/2)

Overview

This qualification is suitable for students aged 16 years old or above, who are looking to specialise in Health and Social Care.

In order to take this qualification, students do not need any specific knowledge or skills related to the qualification and/or occupation. However, they should be aged 16 years or over.

This qualification has been designed so that it can be delivered in one year.

What does this qualification cover?

All students will take two of the four core units which will enable them to demonstrate their understanding of a key functional area within Health and Social Care, such as Communication skills, Health and Safety and Individual needs and rights.

In addition to the core units, there are a number of optional units. Students will need to complete a minimum of two units in addition to their core unit. These units cover a range of relevant topics including cultural diversity, anatomy and physiology, and the impact of diet on health.

This qualification will also enable students to develop other desirable skills, such as team working and employability related skills.

The school or college delivering this qualification is encouraged to build relationships with local employers and involve them in the delivery of the learning programme and, if appropriate, offer opportunities for work-based training.

We've designed this qualification so that schools and colleges can work with employers to create assignments for students to demonstrate they can put their skills and knowledge to use. For example, this can be to create something, solve a problem or find ways to improve something that would be typical of what happens in jobs in the Health and Social care industry. Employers can also get involved in teaching, from explaining the theories behind Health and Social Care principles and concepts and how they apply to the work they do, to talking about what to think about before assessing someone's physical and mental needs.

What could this qualification lead to?

Students may choose to seek employment in a number of roles, such as care assistant, nursing assistant or support worker. This qualification will provide students with the opportunity to progress on to a Health and Social Care Apprenticeship at an Intermediate and/or Advanced level.

If the student is taking a three year study programme, this qualification can be taken in the first year and complement a range of Tech Level qualifications at Level 3 that the student might go on to take in the second and third years, such as Tech Levels in Health and Social Care.

This qualification is part of a larger suite of Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care. The suite consists of this Extended Certificate and a Diploma. Both qualifications are designed to be taken alongside other qualifications.

Students should take the Extended Certificate to gain an introduction to the Health and Social Care sector. The Extended Certificate takes 180 guided learning hours to deliver. This means it is a similar size to one and a half GCSEs or one AS level and if delivered in one year takes about one third of the academic year to complete. This gives the student the flexibility to take a range of other qualifications, whether vocational or academic, in preparation for further study or employment in the sector.

The Diploma takes 360 guided learning hours to deliver. This means it is a similar size to three GCSEs or one A level and if delivered in one year it takes about two thirds of the academic year to complete. This can help students to choose where they would like to specialise within the industry and inform further study or career choices.