



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

**QUALIFICATION TITLE** - OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care

**QUALIFICATION NUMBER** – 603/0386/4

## **OVERVIEW**

This qualification is for you if you're 16 years old or over, and want to apply your skills and knowledge in health and social care or childcare.

This qualification will prepare you for a career in one of the biggest growth sectors in the UK; by 2025 we need more than 1 million more social care workers than we have today. Employers in health and social care require their employees to work with a range of people, and undertake a range of tasks whilst maintaining the safety, security of the environments and wellbeing of the individuals using the service. Therefore, this qualification will provide you with the skills, knowledge and understanding to progress into employment through an Apprenticeship. Apprenticeships you could progress to following completion of this qualification include Adult Care Worker, Healthcare Support Worker or Early Years Educator.

You will learn by applying your skills, knowledge and understanding to tasks or activities that are relevant to what happens in health and social care and childcare workplaces. Having an appreciation of what happens in the workplace will also help to prepare you for continuing your education in this sector. We have worked with employers who have helped us include the transferable skills, knowledge and understanding that they are looking for in prospective applicants.

The qualification is designed to be taken as part of a study programme alongside other vocational qualifications, GCSE resits or A-Levels.

You'll take four mandatory units:

- Principles of working in health, social care and childcare
- Health and safety in practice
- Working in a person-centred way
- Safeguarding

These units will give you knowledge and understanding of the underlying principles of working in the sector such as key legislation and how to maintain health and safety for both yourself and individuals who require care and support. You will also gain skills in planning and adopting a person-centred approach to care and know how to deal with suspicions or disclosures of harm or abuse, as and when they occur.

## **IS THIS QUALIFICATION RIGHT FOR ME?**

This qualification is part of a suite of Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care at Levels 2 and 3. Normally, you would choose one of the OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care qualifications because you are aged 16 years plus, are in full-time education, but aren't quite ready to study a Level 3 qualification in this sector at this stage. The Level 3 qualifications are for learners

who wish to progress to Higher Education on a Health and Social Care-related degree programme or an Apprenticeship.

There are two sizes of qualification available in the Level 2 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care suite:

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care

The Certificate is a Technical Certificate qualification and takes 180 guided learning hours to achieve; this means it can be taken in one year. This gives you the flexibility to take other qualifications, whether vocational or academic, in preparation for further study in the sector through an Apprenticeship.

The Diploma is a Technical Certificate qualification and takes 360 guided learning hours to achieve. This means it can be taken in one year and will form the majority of your study programme. However, this still gives you the flexibility to take other qualifications, whether vocational or academic, in preparation for further study through an Apprenticeship or employment in the sector. You should take the Certificate as it will give you underpinning skills, knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social Care sector and will allow you to progress on to an Apprenticeship such as Adult Care Worker, Healthcare Support Worker or Early Years Educator. It will also support your progression into Level 3 qualifications in the sector or could support progression into job roles in the sector that require no specific skills or experience and deliver on the job training, but desire knowledge and understanding of the sector.

## **SUPPORT**

The following employers support this qualification:

Staff 2000 Training, Warwick Nursery School, Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Hertfordshire County Council, Quality Compliance Systems and St Patrick's C.E. Primary Academy

Details of this support can be found on the OCR website <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/by-type/vocational-education-and-skills/16-19-performance-table-reform/>

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

To find out more about the OCR Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care please refer to the centre handbook available on the OCR website <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/vocational-education-and-skills/cambridge-technical-health-and-social-care-level-2-2017-suite/>

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## **ABOUT US**

OCR is a leading UK awarding body. We provide qualifications which engage people of all ages and abilities at school, college, in work or through part-time learning programmes.

Our general and vocational qualifications equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need for their future, helping them achieve their full potential.