



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

**QUALIFICATION NUMBER** – 603/0388/8

## **OVERVIEW**

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

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, either through an Apprenticeship or directly into work. Apprenticeships you could progress to following completion of this qualification include Adult Care Worker, Healthcare Support Worker or Early Years Educator. Job roles you could progress to include Childcare Assistant, Healthcare Assistant or Adult Care Assistant.

You will learn by applying your skills, knowledge and understanding to tasks or activities that happen in health and social care or child care environments, and to the people that use the services including individuals who require care and support, their families and advocates, colleagues or members of the general public. 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 will take six units regardless of which pathway you follow.

Everyone will take the following 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.

You'll choose to study one of two specialised pathways depending on the career you wish to pursue. Depending on the pathway chosen the units you take will vary:

### **Pathway – Adult Care Assistant**

Units taken as part of this pathway are Working in adult health and social care environments and Working with individuals in adult health and social care environments. This pathway can lead to a job role as an Adult Care Assistant in Residential Care or Domiciliary Care for different individuals such as the elderly, adults with learning disabilities or adults with long-term physiological conditions; so the skills, knowledge and understanding you will need to achieve in this pathway includes how to ensure the environment is clean, safe and secure; how to communicate effectively with individuals in the environment; how to maintain confidentiality and how to keep appropriate, accurate records.

### **Pathway – Childcare Assistant**

Units taken as part of this pathway are Working in childcare environments and Working with individuals in childcare environments. This pathway can lead to a job role as a Childcare Assistant in a number of settings such as a Crèche, Nursery, a or Out of Hours School Club; so the skills, knowledge and understanding you will need to achieve in this pathway includes safe and hygienic food preparation, administration of medication, infection control and how to maintain privacy and dignity.

### **EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

You will have opportunities to find out from employers how the skills and knowledge you will acquire are used in work. Your school or college will decide how this will happen. The school or college might ask an employer, from the Health and Social Care industry, to come in to talk to your class about how they use the skills you are gaining or you may have the opportunity to have work experience in a health and social care-based organisation.

### **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 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 or employment in the sector.

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 or employment in the sector.

You should take the Diploma as it will give you the skills, knowledge and understanding required for working in the Health and Social Care sector and will allow you to access job roles such as Adult Care Assistant and Childcare Assistant. It will also allow you to progress on to an Apprenticeship in the sector such as Adult Care Worker, Healthcare Support Worker or Early Years Educator, or support progression onto Level 3 qualifications related to 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 Diploma 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.