OCR Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (501/1673/3)

Overview
This qualification is suitable for students aged 16-19. This qualification is specifically designed for students who are considering working in, or who have just entered, the social care industry. In order to take this qualification students do not need any specific knowledge or skills related to the qualification or occupation.

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

What does this qualification cover?
This qualification covers a range of knowledge and skills essential to anyone wishing to work in adult social care. All students must take all units. These are:-

- Principles of communication in adult social care setting
- Principles of personal development in adult social care settings
- Principles of diversity, equality and inclusion in adult social care settings
- Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care
- Introduction to duty of care in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
- Understand the role of the social care worker
- Understand person centred approaches in adult social care settings
- Understand health and safety in social care settings
- Understand how to handle information in social care settings

This qualification was designed in consultation with a range of employers via the sector skills body (Skills for Care).

What could this qualification lead to?
This qualification will provide entry to employment in some Health and Social Care Careers, for example, Support worker and Care assistant.

This qualification will provide students with the opportunity to progress to an intermediate apprenticeship in Adult Social Care, or Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) through employment.

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 not a licence to practise, however this qualification would build a solid foundation for students to build upon in order to gain sector related qualifications at a later date.