



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

OCR Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (501/1244/2)

Overview

This qualification is suitable for people aged 16 and above who are working part time, paid or unpaid, in a Health and Social Care setting in the role of Care Assistant or Apprentice Care Assistant. Other job titles may exist, including Healthcare Assistant and Support Worker.

In order to take this qualification students do not need any specific knowledge or skills related to the qualification or occupation. This qualification is confirmation of competence in the role of Care Assistant.

What does this qualification cover?

The content of the qualifications covers mandatory areas of knowledge and skill in relation to the occupational role, including:

- Communication
- Equality and Inclusion
- Duty of Care
- Personal Development
- Role of Health and Social Care Worker
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults
- Person-Centred Support
- Health and Safety
- Handling Information

Additionally, students will undertake further learning related to the needs of the setting in which they are working and the service users who they are working with. This qualification will also enable students to develop other desirable skills, including decision making and team-working.

To achieve this qualification the student must be assessed in the workplace undertaking the role of a Care Assistant. The college delivering this qualification must work in partnership with employers in the delivery of this learning programme, through placement/employment opportunities.

What could this qualification lead to?

The qualification can lead to further employment in a range of Health and/or Social care settings, in the role of Care Assistant, and other job titles. Level 2 is Entry Level for most settings, and students may have the opportunity to progress in their employment to higher levels or different roles upon the achievement of this qualification.

This qualification can be the start of a career pathway within the Health and Social Care sector, with students able to progress through higher levels of learning as their experience and responsibility increases.

While there is no 'licence to practise' qualification required for this role, the Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) is often stated as a job requirement by many employers.

Level 2 is the entry / basic level qualification for these roles within the Health and Social Care sector. Other qualifications exist for workers with more responsibility and experience, Level 3. For students who are yet to enter employment in the sector a knowledge only qualification Level 2 Certificate in preparing to work in Adult Social Care provides core knowledge and understanding which prepare a student for employment and the unit which also appear in the diploma need not be repeated.

