



Cambridge National Certificate in Health & Social Care

INTRODUCTION

This qualification is designed to assess the application of Health and Social Care through a ‘hands on’ approach and to provide learners with the opportunities to gain essential knowledge and transferrable skills to improve their learning within this field. This qualification also allows for the learner to enhance their employability within the sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- L1 Award in Health & Social Care **plus** L1 Mathematics and English **OR**
- 5 GCSEs at a minimum grade of an E or 3, or equivalent.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This qualification has a one-year duration. All units will be marked and assessed using the *pass, merit, distinction* and *distinction** grading system.

Unit **R021** is an externally set exam-based unit (1 hour written paper marked out of 60 marks).

Units **R022, R023** and **R029** are internally set assignment-based units (marked out of 60 marks). These units focus on the following content:

- The impact of legislation in caring settings and the promotion of healthy caring environments.
- The different types of communication methods and the importance in using efficient communication techniques to overcome barriers in practical care.
- The importance of the body systems, structure, functions and disorders that can affect good health.

UNIT NO.	UNIT TITLE	ASSESSMENT
R021	Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings	Mandatory: 1hr Written Paper
R022	Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings	Mandatory: Centre assessed tasks
R023	Understanding body systems and disorders	Optional: Centre assessed tasks
R029	Understanding the nutrients needed for good health	Optional: Centre assessed tasks

Please be advised that these may be subject to change.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (VOCATIONAL)

- Students following this vocational route will be allowed to choose **one** other GCSE, together with English and Maths.
- Units as above – plus work placements in the GHA and government nursery (one morning release). Arrangements to be confirmed.
- Limited places available.
- This award will give learners ‘hands-on’ experience in different areas of Health. Skills acquired will need to be documented in the candidates’ logbooks.