

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Applied A Level

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You should do this course if:

You have an interest in health, childcare or social care. It is suitable for students wishing to enter vocational areas such as Nursing, The Health Service, Social Work or those who have yet to decide a specific career path.

Skills you will develop on this course

The Applied A Level in Health & Social Care provides students with a broad knowledge of health and care services and allows you to focus on different aspects of the vocational area. Because it is broad-based, it gives students research and examination based skills to progress into specific training in the health and care sector or transfer to other occupational areas.

Topics studied

UNIT 1 - (AS)

Promoting quality care

Involves assessing the rights and responsibilities of service users and providers

UNIT 2 - (AS)

Communication in care settings

Includes practising communication skills and visits to client groups at the heart of the unit.

UNIT 3 – (AS)

Promoting good health

Assesses the social factors and lifestyle choices which influence health and well-being

Unit 5 – (AS) Additional Needs

Looks at the causes and services available and the roles of different practitioners who support people using these services.

Unit 6 – (AS) working in Early Years, Care and Education.

This looks at different Early Years provisions in our local area. You create an activity or toy and evaluate its effectiveness in relating to normal development.

Unit 9 (Exam) – (AS) Caring for older people

You will learn about the body systems and diseases related to them. You study the care needs of individuals using the care values.

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How will you learn?

You will be taught in a variety of learning styles. You will be expected to be responsible for your own learning and work with other members of the group as well as independently. The course is two-thirds coursework and will involve research, visits and external speakers. One afternoon a week will be spent on a placement of your choice.

Where does the course lead?

This course is equivalent to one A Level and leads either to Higher Education or employment. Career opportunities include nursing, teaching support posts and care-related professions. Alternatively it can lead towards a degree in a subject related to Health and Social Care.

Assessment and Exams

Unit 1

Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes. Students will be required to answer six compulsory questions.

Unit 2 Portfolio

This covers types of communication. It consists of 4 pieces of work.

Unit 3 Portfolio

This includes carrying out your own health promotion campaign and evaluating your own performance.

Unit 5 Portfolio

The 4 assignments completed will focus on the roles of different practitioners.

Unit 6 Portfolio

Students will research and report on the different early years provision in the local area.

Unit 9 Written Exam

This exam will focus on the elderly and in particular the health issues they face.

Entry Requirements

5C's at GCSE including English Language.