

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care		
Qualification number (QN)	603/2914/2		
Total qualification time (TQT):	415	Guided learning hours (GL)	370
UCAS	This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.		
Entry requirements:	Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements, but centres may have their own guidelines.		

About this qualification

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care is aimed at post-16-year-olds who are studying a key stage 5 curriculum and have an interest in the health and social care sectors.

The Certificate has been designed to meet the entry requirements for higher education, in combination with A levels and other Level 3 qualifications.

This qualification aims to:

- focus on the applied study of health and social care
- offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a significant core of knowledge and theoretical content with broad-ranging applicability
- provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical skills

The objectives of this qualification are to help learners to:

- progress to further and higher education
- develop new practical skills in health and social care
- become more familiar with legislation relevant to health and social care
- develop their knowledge of health and social care and its underpinning theories

Qualification structure

To be awarded the Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care, learners must achieve a minimum of a Pass in the 5 mandatory units and the 2 external Synoptic Assessments.

Mandatory units

01 Functions of health and social care
02 Human growth and development
03 Empowerment in health and social care
04 Health education

05 Anatomy and physiology for health and social care

Assessment

All units for this qualification will be internally assessed using a variety of methods.

In addition, learners will be required to achieve a minimum of a Pass grade for a synoptic Short Answer Examination and a synoptic Controlled Extended Assessment, both of which will be externally set and externally assessed.

Progression opportunities

This qualification is designed for learners who want to study health and social care at a higher level. Applied General qualifications are designed to be rigorous, advanced qualifications that enable learners to develop subject-specific and transferable skills, which facilitate their progression on to higher learning.

This qualification is suitable for those interested in pursuing careers in the following areas:

- Health and social care
- Childhood studies
- Community, youth and families
- Social work
- Early years
- Primary teaching
- Nursing



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