

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title and Qualification number (QN)	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Health and Social Care (601/6108/5) NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care (601/8434/6) NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (601/8435/8)		
Total qualification time (TQT):	Award: 215 Certificate: 734 Extended Diploma: 1495	Guided learning hours (GL)	Award: 180 Certificate: 619 Extended Diploma: 1189
Entry requirements:	Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.		

About these qualifications

The Level 3 Award and Technical Level 3 Certificate and Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care have been designed to enable learners to access Higher Education and will also support progression into the workplace.

These qualifications have been designed and written by a team of subject matter experts, and we have involved employers and Higher Education Institutions in the review of the content.

The Level 3 Award and Technical Level 3 Certificate and Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care have been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up to date information.

Qualification structure

Core mandatory units (award, certificate, extended diploma)

K/507/1406 Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
M/507/1407 Human growth and development
T/507/1408 Safeguarding in health and social care
J/507/1431 Communication in health and social care
L/507/1432 Infection prevention and control in health and social care
R/507/1433 Psychological perspectives in health and social care
Y/507/1434 Sociological perspectives in health and social care
D/507/1435 Working in health and social care
H/507/1436 Reflective practice

Diploma Mandatory Units (Extended Diploma only)

K/507/1437 Empowerment in health and social care
M/507/1438 Protection of children, young people and adults in health and social care
F/617/6754 Anatomy and physiology for health and social care
K/507/1440 Research skills for health and social care
M/507/1441 Personal and professional development

Optional Units (Extended Diploma only)

D/507/1483 Behaviour change in health and social care
H/507/1484 Biochemistry for health
K/507/1485 Community care provision
M/507/1486 Complementary therapies and alternative medicine for health and social care
T/507/1487 Dementia awareness
F/507/1508 End of life care
J/507/1509 Genetics in health and social care
F/507/1511 Health education
J/507/1512 Health psychology
L/507/1513 Mental health and well-being
R/507/1514 Microbiology for health
Y/507/1515 Nutrition for health and social care
D/507/1516 Physiology of coordination
K/507/1518 Public health for health and social care
M/507/1519 Science of nutrition
H/507/1520 Social policy
K/507/1521 The role of play for children and young people

Optional group 2

T/507/1490 Advocacy in health and social care
F/507/1489 Epidemiology for health and social care
A/507/1491 Ethics in health and social care
F/507/1492 Family issues in health and social care
J/507/1493 Learning disability
L/507/1494 Medication in health and social care
R/507/1495 Models and systems of health care
Y/507/1496 Partnership working in health and social care
D/507/1497 Pharmacology
H/507/1498 Physiology of ageing
K/507/1499 Promoting positive behaviour
R/507/1500 Sociology of health and illness
D/507/1502 Support care within fostering and adoption services
H/507/1503 Technology in health and social care
K/507/1504 Voluntary organisations

Assessment

Award: Portfolio of evidence

Certificate: Portfolio of evidence, one extended assessment.

Extended Diploma: Portfolio of evidence; two extended assessments (one covering the 'core mandatory' units and one covering the 'Diploma mandatory units) and one external assessment short answer.

External Assessment: Within each qualification there is a maximum of two opportunities for learners to attempt each of the External Assessments in order to achieve a pass grade or to improve a grade.

A learner who intends to submit the extended assessment for a second attempt will be required to make a new submission of the alternative assessment task

Placement requirements

Learners will be required to attend placement in a real work environment to support their learning. The minimum required number of placement hours are:

- Certificate: 75 hours
- Extended Diploma: 175 hours (includes the 75 hours completed during the Certificate)

Placement in a real work environment is a mandatory element of the Certificate and Extended Diploma. Higher Education Institutions may have their own entry requirements.

Progression opportunities

Award: Learners will be able to progress to the Technical Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care and then to the Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Certificate: Learners will be able to progress to the Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care. The Certificate supports learners' access to Higher Education and progression into a wide range of job roles within the health and social care sector. The Certificate also supports progression to further learning in related subject areas at Level 4 and above.

Extended Diploma: Achievement of the Extended Diploma supports learners' access to Higher Education and progression into a wide range of job roles within the health and social care sector.

These qualifications do not provide a licence to practise, but may support progression into a wide range of job roles in the health and social care sector, including:

- care support workers in adult residential settings
- healthcare assistants in community, primary care and acute health environments
- care support workers in domiciliary services, supported living or day services
- community-based support workers



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