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Purpose statement

**NCFE CACHE Applied General Award in Health
and Social Care
QN: 603/2913/0**

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Who is this qualification for?

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

This qualification is suitable for learners who envisage careers in such areas as healthcare, social work, nursing, counselling, early years and primary teaching.

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.

There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 2 qualification.

What does this qualification cover?

The Level 3 Applied Award in Health and Social Care covers the following mandatory key topics:

- **Functions of Health and Social Care** – Learners will gain an understanding of health and social care provision, including roles and responsibilities of practitioners, and legislation and inspection.
- **Human Growth and Development** – Learners will develop an insight into human development and theories of how life events impact on each significant life stage.

What knowledge and skills will learners develop?

In this qualification learners will develop an understanding of:

- the functions of health and social care provision
- the roles, responsibilities, skills and attributes for working in care settings
- health and social care legislation and inspection
- significant milestones and relevant theories related to human development.

Learners will also develop a range of transferrable skills such as:

- teamwork and partnership building
- professional and personal development
- communication
- evaluation
- research
- analysis
- reflection

Which subjects will complement this course?

Other subjects which could complement this course include:

- childcare
- sociology
- psychology
- biology

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification fulfils entry requirements for a range of Higher Education courses, so learners could go on to study Foundation Degrees or Degrees in such subjects as:

- health and social care
- childhood studies
- community, youth and families
- social work
- early years
- primary teaching
- nursing

The Health and Social Care suite

This qualification forms part of a suite of Applied General qualifications offered by NCFE CACHE. This qualification is in a suite with the NCFE CACHE L3 Applied General Certificate in Health and Social Care (603/2914/2)

This qualification will give learners a useful introduction to health and social care at level 3. Learners might choose this Award initially to explore the subject, or to complement other subjects that they're studying. They could then go on to study the more substantial Certificate in Health and Social Care, should they wish to further develop their understanding and skills as part of a study programme.

Who supports this qualification?

The following Higher Education Institutions recognise this qualification for entry to a higher level course or qualification:

- University of Chichester
- University College Birmingham
- University of Bedfordshire

Further Information

For more information about the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award in Health and Social Care (603/2913/0), please visit the NCFE website.