

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care		
Qualification number (QN)	601/8854/6 601/8855/8		
Total qualification time (TQT):	210 420	Guided learning hours (GL)	180 360
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 2 Certificate and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care are nested qualifications, meaning that the Certificate and Extended Diploma share common mandatory units.

They have been designed to enable learners to progress to the Level 3 Award, Certificate and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care, further learning at Level 3 and above, or assist with progression into the workplace.

These qualifications aim to provide learners with knowledge and understanding across a range of key subject areas in health and social care.

The Extended Diploma includes a bank of optional units, allowing learners to pursue an interest in chosen subject areas.

Learners will usually be able to achieve the Certificate in less than one year.

Learners will usually be able to achieve the Extended Diploma in one year.

Qualification structure

Certificate: Learners must achieve 3 mandatory units.

Extended Diploma: Learners must achieve 5 mandatory units and 2 optional units.

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Mandatory units

L/508/3709 Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
F/508/3710 Human growth and development
J/508/3711 Safeguarding and protection in health and social care



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Mandatory units

L/508/3709 Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care	
F/508/3710 Human growth and development	
J/508/3711 Safeguarding and protection in health and social care	
L/508/3712 HSC M4 Communication in health and social care	
R/508/3713 HSC M5 Working in health and social care	

Optional units

Y/508/3714 Anatomy and physiology for health and social care	
H/508/3716 Common care disorders	
K/508/3717 Creative activities in health and social care	
M/508/3718 Dementia awareness	
T/508/3719 End of life care	
K/508/3720 Health and well-being	
M/508/3721 Infection prevention and control in health and social care	
T/508/3722 Learning disability	
A/508/3723 Mental health and well-being	
F/508/3724 Nutrition for health and social care	

Assessment

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

All units within these qualifications are internally graded A* - D.

Placement requirements

Learners are not required to attend placement in a Real Work Environment. However, 30 hours or more of work placement is recommended in order to support their learning.



Progression opportunities

These qualifications provide direct progression to our Level 3 Award, Certificate and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

These qualifications do not provide a licence to practise, but may support progression into a 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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