

Qualification overview

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) (603/5355/7)

This qualification is designed to provide learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills essential to the health and social care sector within Northern Ireland, and to support progression into Higher Education or the workplace.

The qualification is formed of mandatory and optional units.

The mandatory units cover core competencies, while the optional units allow learners to choose from a variety of areas to tailor the qualification to their needs and interests, and to reflect the context of their work.

Learners will need to achieve a pass grade from the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland).

Learners will also need to achieve the four mandatory units, four optional units from optional group 1 and four optional units from optional group 2 within this qualification (all units are graded A*– D).

In addition, learners will need to achieve an external assessment graded A*– D for mandatory unit 04 and a synoptic external assessment covering the relevant mandatory units.

The total qualification time is 1395 hours and the minimum guided learning hours for the qualification is 1085 hours. This includes a requirement for learners to attend placement in a real work environment to support their learning. The minimum required number of placement hours is 100 hours

Centres are responsible for checking that learners have already achieved the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) qualification prior to requesting certification for this qualification.

Entry requirements

Learners should be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but Centres may have their own guidelines.

Real work environment (RWE) requirement/recommendation

Learners will be required to attend placement in a real work environment to support their learning.

Units

If you wish to specialise in a subject area, we suggest choosing optional units from the following groupings:

- Social Care
- Health Studies
- Health Sciences

Mandatory units

Unit number	Regulated unit number	Unit title	Level	GLH
Unit 01	K/617/7915	Human growth, development and wellbeing	3	110
Unit 02	J/617/6755	Specialist areas of care practice	3	85
Unit 03	K/507/1437	Empowerment in health and social care	3	53
Unit 04	F/617/6754	Anatomy and physiology for health and social care	3	73

Group 1 Optional units

Unit number	Regulated unit number	Unit title	Level	GLH
Unit 05	D/507/1483	Behaviour change in health and social care	3	48
Unit 06	H/507/1484	Biochemistry for health	3	55
Unit 07	K/507/1485	Community care provision	3	45
Unit 08	M/507/1486	Complementary therapies and alternative medicine for health and social care	3	48
Unit 09	R/507/1433	Psychological perspectives in health and social care	3	54
Unit 10	Y/507/1434	Sociological perspectives in health and social care	3	54
Unit 11	J/507/1509	Genetics in health and social care	3	46
Unit 12	F/507/1511	Health education	3	52
Unit 13	J/507/1512	Health psychology	3	47
Unit 14	R/507/1514	Microbiology for health	3	48
Unit 15	D/507/1516	Physiology of coordination	3	44
Unit 16	K/507/1518	Public health for health and social care	3	46
Unit 17	M/507/1519	Science of nutrition	3	48
Unit 18	H/507/1520	Social policy	3	46

Group 2 Optional units

Unit number	Regulated unit number	Unit title	Level	GLH
Unit 19	T/507/1490	Advocacy in health and social care	3	22
Unit 20	F/507/1489	Epidemiology for health and social care	3	25
Unit 21	A/507/1491	Ethics in health and social care	3	29
Unit 22	F/507/1492	Family issues in health and social care	3	30
Unit 23	R/507/1495	Models and systems of health care	3	27
Unit 24	Y/507/1496	Partnership working in health and social care	3	30
Unit 25	D/507/1497	Pharmacology	3	32
Unit 26	H/507/1498	Physiology of ageing	3	28
Unit 27	R/507/1500	Sociology of health and illness	3	27
Unit 28	H/507/1503	Technology in health and social care	3	31
Unit 29	K/507/1504	Voluntary organisations	3	31

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed and graded A*– D except mandatory unit 01 which will be externally assessed and graded A*– D.

There will be **one** externally set and externally marked synoptic assessment covering the content of mandatory units 01–03.

Synoptic assessment enables the learner to show their ability to integrate and apply knowledge, understanding and skills with breadth and depth. It also requires them to demonstrate their capability to apply knowledge, understanding and skills across a range of units and learning outcomes which are being assessed.

All units must be assessed in line with the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland) Assessment Strategy and Principles.

Assessment enables the learner's workplace practice to provide evidence for individual units, as well as the whole qualification through a portfolio of evidence.

Methods of assessment could include:

- direct observation of learner by assessor
- witness evidence when directed by the sector skills assessment strategy
- professional discussion
- reflection on own practice in real work environments
- written assignments
- learner's own work products.

Duration

Learners can usually complete the qualification within 12 months.



Career opportunities

Upon completion, learners can progress to the Level 5 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Northern Ireland), Higher Education or into a wide range of job roles within the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland.

Funding

Funding in Northern Ireland will be sought for this qualification.

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.