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Level 2 Certificate and Extended Diploma in

Health and Social Care

Qualification facts

QRN: 601/8854/6 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care

QRN: 601/8855/8 NCFE CACHE Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

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.

Certificate:

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

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.

Qualification structure:

Certificate:

Learners must achieve 3 mandatory units.

Total Qualification Time: 210 hours

Total Guided Learning: 180 hours

Extended Diploma:

Learners must achieve 5 mandatory units and 2 optional units.

Total Qualification Time: 420 hours

Total Guided Learning: 360 hours

Extended Diploma:

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

Experience in the workplace:

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.

Mandatory units:

Unit no.	Unit Ref.	Unit title	Level	GL	Certificate	Ext Diploma
HSC M1	L/508/3709	Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care	2	60	✓	✓
HSC M2	F/508/3710	Human growth and development	2	60	✓	✓
HSC M3	J/508/3711	Safeguarding and protection in health and social care	2	60	✓	✓
HSC M4	L/508/3712	Communication in health and social care	2	60		✓
HSC M5	R/508/3713	Working in health and social care	2	60		✓
Total Guided Learning					180	300

Optional units (Extended Diploma):

Unit no.	Unit Ref.	Unit title	Level	GL
HSC O1	Y/508/3714	Anatomy and physiology for health and social care	2	30
HSC O2	H/508/3716	Common care disorders	2	30
HSC O3	K/508/3717	Creative activities in health and social care	2	30
HSC O4	M/508/3718	Dementia awareness	2	30
HSC O5	T/508/3719	End of life care	2	30
HSC O6	K/508/3720	Health and well-being	2	30
HSC O7	M/508/3721	Infection prevention and control in health and social care	2	30
HSC O8	T/508/3722	Learning disability	2	30
HSC O9	A/508/3723	Mental health and well-being	2	30
HSC O10	F/508/3724	Nutrition for health and social care	2	30

Guided Learning required from optional units 60 hours
Extended Diploma – Total Guided Learning 360 hours

Assessment:

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence

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

Progression:

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.

For more information:

Full details of these qualifications can be found on our website www.cache.org.uk or our secure Centre website cachezone.

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