

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care (600/6355/5)

Qualification overview

The primary purpose of this qualification is to help you prepare to enter, or progress within, employment within the Health or Social Care sector in a variety of job roles where an understanding of dementia and the care of people with dementia is required. You can also take this qualification to support your progression into further learning within the Health and Social Care sector.

This qualification will develop your underpinning knowledge and understanding to support your role working in dementia care.

This qualification aims to develop your knowledge and understanding of the principles of caring for people with dementia. You'll develop knowledge of person-centred care, the influence of positive communication methods, issues relating to the use of medication for people with dementia, and the importance of providing appropriate activities.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for a wide range of learners who wish to gain an understanding of the principles of dementia care.

Age restrictions

You need to be at least 16 years old to take this qualification. Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

Entry requirements

You don't need to have any specific prior learning requirements to take this qualification, but you may find it helpful if you've already achieved a Level 1 qualification within the Health and Social Care area.

Qualification content

The NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care contains 7 mandatory units to help you gain knowledge and understanding in these areas:

- Unit 01 Dementia awareness (2 credits)

You'll develop knowledge of what dementia is and its different forms, and how others can have an impact on a person with dementia.

- Unit 02 The person-centred approach to the care and support of individuals with dementia (2 credits)

You'll develop the knowledge and understanding required to enable the person with dementia to experience well-being.

You'll develop your knowledge of the person-centred approach to dementia care and support.

- Unit 03 Understand the factors that can influence communication and interaction with individuals who have dementia (2 credits)

You'll gain the underpinning knowledge required to develop your awareness of the differing communication needs and abilities of people with dementia to enhance positive interactions.

- Unit 04 Understand equality, diversity and inclusion in dementia care (2 credits)

You'll understand the concepts of equality, diversity and inclusion that are fundamental to person-centred care practice.

- Unit 05 Understand the administration of medication to individuals with dementia using a person-centred approach (2 credits)

You'll develop your knowledge and understanding of people who may have specific needs for receiving medication because of their experience of dementia. You'll develop knowledge of these medication requirements.

- Unit 06 Understand behaviour in the context of dementia (3 credits)

You'll explore different forms of behaviour and the factors that can affect behaviour in a person with a dementia. You'll learn how to respond in an appropriate and supportive manner to behaviour that may be challenging.

- Unit 07 Understand the benefits of engaging in activities in social care (2 credits)

You'll understand the benefits of engaging in activities to enhance physical, mental and social well-being in a diverse range of settings.

What type of qualification is this?

This is a vocationally related qualification with 123 guided learning hours. Within this time you can expect to be involved in formal learning activities which could include classes, tutorials or seminars. You're also expected to work independently, researching the subject and preparing for class-based activities.

100 per cent of this qualification focuses on developing your knowledge and understanding of the principles of dementia care.

This is a standalone qualification and is not part of an Apprenticeship framework.

Progression opportunities

Successful completion of this qualification will help support a number of job roles within the Health and Social Care sector as you may be working with people who have dementia, or are at risk of developing dementia in your day-to-day role. These job roles could include:

- healthcare support service worker
- clinical healthcare support worker
- healthcare assistant
- nursing assistant
- mental health support worker
- mental health outreach worker
- substance misuse worker
- health education/health promotion worker
- care assistants/support workers/key workers in residential settings
- healthcare assistants/support workers in community and primary care environments
- healthcare assistants/support workers in acute health environments
- care assistants/support workers/key workers in domiciliary services
- care assistants/support workers/key workers in day services
- personal assistants employed directly by the individual they support or their families.

Completion of this qualification may enable you to progress into the above job roles within the Health and Social Care sector as a new entrant or as part of your ongoing career development.

If you're interested in progressing to further study at the next level of vocational learning, the following qualifications are also available:

- Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
- Level 3 Certificate for Working in the Health Sector
- Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care

You could also progress to the following Apprenticeships:

- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care
- Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)
- Advanced Level Apprenticeship I Health (Healthcare Support Services)

Similar qualifications

In addition to this qualification we also offers the Level 2 Award in Awareness of Dementia which is a shorter 8 credit qualification.

The Award version covers the first 4 units of this qualification.

This qualification however, will give you a broader knowledge and understanding of dementia that will support you in your role.

You'll find this qualification particularly useful if you need to know about administering medication to people with dementia, the benefits of engaging in activities in social care, and behaviour within the context of the condition.

Support for this qualification

This qualification is supported by employers from the Health and Social Care sector.

For further information about these employers please contact CACHE on 0345 347 2123 or email us at info@cache.org.uk.