

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults)

Overview

The Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care qualification develops the knowledge and skills needed when working in a senior role with adults in health and social care environments. It is aimed at those who may often be working without direct supervision or own their own. Learners will have a degree of responsibility and autonomy and will be required to make decisions within boundaries and limits agreed.

The qualification covers a wide range of areas including supporting individuals with their physical and emotional care, daily living needs and health care procedures and contains a wide range of optional units which will allow opportunity for competence to be demonstrated in a wide range of contexts. There is an opportunity for learners to have specialist skills in the care of individuals with learning disabilities and dementia recognised through endorsed pathways.

This qualification is based on Health and Social Care national occupational standards and is recognised as the competence component of the Advanced Level Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care.

The benefits of this qualification to the candidate

For candidates this qualification provides an opportunity:

- To develop new skills and gain recognition of existing skills
- Achievement of a nationally recognised and regulatory qualification for the health and social care sector
- Career progression.

The benefits of this qualification for business

For business the benefits include:

- Nationally recognised and regulatory qualification for staff in your organisation.
- A true reflection of your staff's performance due to the competency based nature of the assessment.

Who is this qualification suitable for?

Candidates may be working in one of the following roles; however this list is not exhaustive:

- Senior care assistants/support workers/key workers in residential settings
- Senior healthcare assistants/support workers in community and primary care environments
- Senior healthcare assistants/support workers in acute health environments
- Senior care assistants/support workers/key workers in domiciliary services
- Senior care assistants/support workers/key workers in day services
- Senior support workers in supported living projects
- Community based senior care assistants/support workers/key workers
- Personal assistants employed directly by the individual they support

Delivery

This qualification is competence based, this means that it is linked to a candidate's ability to completely perform a range of tasks connected with their work. Assessments will be carried out on their daily activities using a range of planned assessment methods.

Support

Candidates will be allocated a tutor who is a subject specialist within the field of health and social care. Their tutor will support and advise candidates throughout their qualification and will:

- Provide a comprehensive induction to the qualification
- Support candidates to select the most appropriate optional units
- Discuss with candidates the most appropriate methods of assessment, these may include: observation, work products, witness testimonies, discussion, written questions and answers
- Support candidates in developing their knowledge and understanding
- Plan with candidates how to meet the qualification requirements
- Review and feedback on the work candidates complete

Learning and assessment

Candidates are required to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the qualification by producing a portfolio of evidence. Candidates will be given an account for our web based learning and assessment system (iLearner). Via this system candidates will be able to:

- Progress at a pace that best suits them
- View up-to-date, on-going progress
- Study when, and where, they want
- Have instant access to all of the learning materials needed to develop their knowledge and understanding
- Communicate with those important to them in achieving their qualification
- Use more exciting and innovative forms of evidence
- 24/7 activity is possible.

Qualification duration

This is dependent upon the candidate's individual circumstances but generally the qualification duration is between 3 - 6 months.

Qualification Content

Candidates must achieve a total of 58 credits.

Mandatory Units

Candidates will achieve 28 credits from the completion of the 9 mandatory units below:

- **Promote communication in health, social care or children's and young people's settings** - The unit introduces the central importance of communication in such settings, and ways to overcome barriers to meet individual needs and preferences in communication
- **Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings** - The unit introduces the concepts of personal development and reflective practice which are fundamental to such roles, and ways to implement these.
- **Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children's and young people's settings** - The unit introduces the concepts of equality, diversity and inclusion which are fundamental to such roles.

- **Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care or children's and young people's settings** - This unit introduces ways to address the dilemmas, conflicts or complaints that may arise where there is a duty of care.
- **Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care** - This unit introduces the important area of safeguarding individuals from abuse. It identifies different types of abuse and the signs and symptoms that might indicate abuse is occurring. It considers when individuals might be particularly vulnerable to abuse and what a learner must do if abuse is suspected or alleged.
- **The role of the health and social care worker** - This unit provides the learner with the knowledge and skills required to understand the nature of working relationships, work in ways that are agreed with the employer and work in partnership with others.
- **Promote person-centred approaches in health and social care** - This unit provides the learner with the knowledge and skills required to implement and promote person centred approaches.
- **Promote and implement health and safety in health and social care** - This unit provides the learner with the knowledge and skills required to promote and implement health and safety in their work setting.
- **Promote good practice in handling information in health and social care settings** - This unit covers the knowledge and skills needed to implement and promote good practice in recording, sharing, storing and accessing information.

Optional units:

Candidates must achieve a minimum of 30 credits from a wide range of optional units.

Entry requirements

There are no prior learning requirements to be able to complete this qualification but candidates must be employed or volunteering in a real work supervisory role within health and social care and must be over 16 years of age.

Qualification start date

Candidates can start this qualification at any time.

Resources

Candidates will be provided with all the resources needed to complete this qualification at no additional cost.

Progression

Candidates may wish to progress to Level 5 QCF qualifications for management or senior practitioner roles in Health and Social Care, or to specialist qualifications reflecting the context in which they work.

Questions

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