

WHY CHOOSE GCSE

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE?

Through studying GCSE Health and Social Care and Childcare you will:

- Learn about health and social care, and childcare services consider the impact of these services on general health, well-being and children's development
- Consider human rights and diversity, including black, Asian and minority ethnic perspectives, identity, culture and experiences.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Unit 1 – Health and social care, and childcare in Wales in the 21st Century

In this unit you will develop knowledge and understanding of:

- the life cycle and the factors that affect growth and development
- the promotion and maintenance of health and wellbeing, and tools that can be used to measure and support this
- core principles and values, underpinned by legislation and service provision within a Welsh context, across the health and social care, and childcare sectors.

Unit 2 – Adult Health and Social Care

In this unit you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- individual needs and key conditions and illnesses in adulthood
- how professionals work in adult health and social care to achieve positive outcomes
- the role of health promotion in public health in Wales.

Unit 3 – Childcare

In this unit you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- life stages, expected milestones, and physical, intellectual, language, emotional, and social (PILES) development
- key conditions and illnesses amongst children
- how professionals work, including play and play work, to meet the needs of children in Wales to achieve positive outcomes

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

By studying Health and Social Care and Childcare, you will be able to:

- develop and apply knowledge, understanding and skills to contemporary issues in a range of health and social care and childcare contexts
- actively engage in the study of health and social care and childcare to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- appreciate a range of perspectives on the impacts of health and social care and childcare services on wider society
- consider how health and social care and childcare practice should be ethical and support a sustainable health and care system
- develop an awareness of career pathways available within the health and social care and childcare sector

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Unit 1 – Health and social care, and childcare in Wales in the 21st Century

Assessment Type: written examination 1 hour 30 minutes
40% of qualification: 80 marks

The assessment will include questions requiring objective responses, short and extended answers, with some based around applied situations.

Unit 2 – Adult Health and Social Care

Assessment Type: Non-exam assessment 12 hours
30% of qualification: 60 marks

For this assessment, you will be required to complete an assessment based on a choice of two case studies where you'll apply knowledge and understanding of adult health and social care.

Unit 3 – Childcare

Assessment Type: Non-exam assessment 12 hours
30% of qualification: 60 marks

For this assessment, you will be required to complete an assessment based on a case study and an investigation where you'll apply knowledge and understanding of childcare

CAREERS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDCARE

The qualification will allow you to develop a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and understanding which supports progression to post-16 study and generally valued for life, learning and work.

It will also help you make informed decisions about a wide range of career pathways, including

Health care sector: Nurse, GP, healthcare assistant, pharmacist

Social care sector: Care work, social worker, support worker, counsellors and therapists

Children and young people's sector: nursery worker, teaching assistant, child and family support workers

Specialised care roles: Palliative care professional, mental health worker

Public health roles: Community development workers, health educators

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