

Internally Assessed A2 Units

Implementation Events

Professional Development and
Training

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Unit 8

Promoting Health and Well-being

- Covers aspects of:
 - reasons for promoting health and well-being
 - models and approaches to health promotion
 - planning and implementation of a small scale health promotion.

Unit 9

Investigating Disease

- Covers aspects of:
 - meaning of the terms 'Health and Disease'
 - methods of categorising disease and epidemiology
 - communicable and non-communicable diseases
 - diagnosis, treatment and support of diseases.

Unit 10

Using and Understanding Research

- Covers aspects of:
 - the aims and use of research in Health and Social Care
 - research methods
 - carrying out a small scale research project related to Health and Social Care.

Unit 11

Social Issues and Welfare Needs

- Covers aspects of:
 - origins of social and welfare issues
 - demographic change and social and welfare issues
 - social issues in context.

Format of the portfolio work

- For A2 units portfolio work should consist of one written report of approximately:
 - 1500 words.
- The report should generally focus on one of the named work-related care settings:
 - health
 - early years
 - care of older people
 - individuals with special needs.

What will an individual portfolio look like?

- The level of assistance given to the candidate must be clearly stated by the assessor - this will influence the mark band awarded by the assessor.
- Witness statements or checklists must be authenticated by the assessor - a sample copy of a witness statement form is in the tutor support materials.
- Work must be marked and appropriately annotated by the assessor.

How is the portfolio assessed?

- Internally assessed units at A2 have a greater emphasis on Assessment Objectives A03 and A04 than those at AS.
- Candidates at A2 are expected to demonstrate an increasing ability to analyse work related issues and problems.
- Candidates are expected to be competent in evaluating evidence and drawing realistic conclusions from relevant evidence.

How is the portfolio assessed?

- The level of assistance should be taken into account when assessing candidates work.
- Sufficient work must take place under direct supervision to allow the assessor to authenticate it.
- Internal standardisation within the centre is strongly recommended.

Assessment Objectives

- A01 Knowledge, understanding and skills
- A02 Application of knowledge, understanding and skills
- A03 Research and analysis
- A04 Evaluation

Frequently asked questions - 1

Q1. Do the learners have to complete a specified work placement?

No. Tutors must ensure that opportunities for assessment are built into the programme through enrichment, educational visits and outside speakers.

Q2. How many times can you submit portfolio units?

As many times as you would like. There will be additional charges incurred.

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Q3. Do mark bands equate to grades?

The qualification is awarded. The mark bands give a clear indication of grades but actual grade boundaries are agreed at awarding

Q4. Do the learners have to complete mark band one and then mark band two and then mark band three to be awarded an high mark?

No. Mark band one is subsumed by mark band two and mark band two by mark band three. They build on the learners knowledge, skills and understanding.

Frequently asked questions - 3

Q5. What is the best way to give feedback to learners?

Give feedback by using the strand running through each mark band.

Q6. Will candidates be penalised by writing shorter or longer reports?

No. Candidates work is assessed by the degree to which they have met the assessment criteria, not the length of the report.

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Q7. Can a candidate use a friend or family member as a service-user for their internal assessment?

Yes - providing the care context is appropriate.

Q8. Can a candidate choose more than one service-user group in different unit assessments?

Yes. Candidates are encouraged to produce evidence for assessment from *at least* two service-user groups to broaden their knowledge, skills and understanding