

Starting to teach A2 GCE Health and Social Care

Implementation Event

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Overview of the qualification

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What's in your pack?

- Specification
- Sample assessment materials
- Slides with speaker notes
- 'Inside Applied GCEs' -a pocket guide
- Tutor support material
- Possible career pathways
- Assessment record sheets
- Overview of units sheet
- Further support and questions feedback sheet

Totally New Qualification

- September 2006 → Teaching begins.
- Divorce yourself from the VCE qualification and GNVQ qualifications today.
- The qualification is built on subject criteria agreed by QCA.

New Structure

- There is a single award and a double award (both for AS and A2)
 - Single GCE 3 AS + 3 A2 units
 - Double GCE 6 AS + 6 A2 units
- A2 is the second half of the Advanced GCE course - Y13
- A2 contributes 50% of the total Advanced GCE mark, AS the second half

AS Single Award

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1	Human Growth and Development	6938	AS	Compulsory	External	Jan/June	Jan 06
2	Communication and Values	6939	AS	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 06
3	Positive Care Environments	6940	AS	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 06

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4	Social Aspects and Lifestyle Choices	6941	AS	Compulsory	External	Jan/June	Jan 06
5	Activities for Health and Well-being	6942	AS	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 06
6	Public Health	6943	AS	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 06

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7	Meeting Individual Needs	6944	A2	Compulsory	External	Jan/June	Jan 07
8	Promoting Health and Well-being	6945	A2	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 07
9	Investigating Disease	6946	A2	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 07

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9	Investigating Disease	6946	A2	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 07
10	Using and Understanding Research	6947	A2	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 07
11	Social Issues and Welfare Needs	6948	A2	Compulsory	Internal	Jan/June	Jan 07
12	Understanding Human Behaviour	6949	A2	Compulsory	External	Jan/June	Jan 07

UCAS

The qualification is eligible for UCAS points as shown in the tariff:

GCE 6-Unit A Level	GCE 3-Unit AS Level	GCE 6-Unit AS Level	GCE 12-Unit A Level
120			$120 \times 2 = 240$
100			$100 \times 2 = 200$
80			$80 \times 2 = 160$
60	60	$60 \times 2 = 120$	$60 \times 2 = 120$
40	50	$50 \times 2 = 100$	
	40	$40 \times 2 = 80$	$40 \times 2 = 80$
	30	$30 \times 2 = 60$	
	20	$20 \times 2 = 40$	

Pathways

- There are four pathways available within the portfolio units
 - health
 - early years (care and education)
 - care of older people
 - individuals with specific needs.
- It is SUGGESTED that centres work in at least two areas
- 8 portfolio units x 4 pathways = 32 possible options!
- Examined units will focus on 'generic' content and use the pathways to explore issues

Building on good practice

- The A2 builds on the AS.
- We aim to enhance the work completed in Y12 and further embed the core principles.
- Unit 7, the synoptic unit, tests the understanding of the core principles as well as the specific content of the unit. The two are very compatible.

Assessment - External

- External
 - AS - Single (1)
 - AS - Double (2)
 - GCE- Single (2)
 - GCE- Double (4)

- Style of external examinations
 - new
 - AS & A2 pitched at different levels
 - content based using pathways to explore concepts.

Assessment - Internal

- Portfolio work
 - AS Single award (2)
 - AS Double award (4)
 - GCE Single award (4 units - 2 AS & 2 A2)
 - GCE Double award (8 units - 4 AS & 4 A2)
- AS & A2 units pitched at differing levels.
- AS - 800 to 1200 words approximately.
- A2 - 1500 approximately.
 - **This is a suggestion!**

Assessment - Internal

- Comparable to coursework elements in any other A2 Advanced GCE course.
- All units are awarded.
- Portfolio assessment is similar to AS in terms of process.
- Samples are sent from centres to moderators at Edexcel's request.

(See sheets in your pack on the further guidance for the assessment criteria)

Support

- Edexcel
 - specification
 - Teacher's guide - tutor support materials
 - website with FAQs, information and a student guide to the qualification
 - 'Inside GCEs in Applied Subjects'.
- Publishers
 - There are textbooks to support the AS and A2 courses, from Collins and Heinemann.
- A 'working together' team ethos

Professional Development & Training Programme

- Events for 2005 - 2006 will include:
 - Implementing the A2 units
 - Getting the Standards Right/Assessing Internal Units
 - Feedback on January 2006 and Looking Forward - Internal and external Assessment

Key Skills and language units

- Key Skills are mapped in the new specification.
- There are no integral language units in the new GCEs Health and Social Care.
- BTEC/Edexcel NVQ language units provide an appropriate and flexible form of additional accreditation to the main qualification.
- These are available in a wide range of languages and at different levels.

Key Dates

New GCEs in applied subjects	VCE
<p><i>Autumn 2004</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifications and sample assessment material published 	<p><i>Autumn 2004</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last start date for teaching 2 year cohort
<p><i>Spring 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support materials published • "Implementing the new specification" training events 	
<p><i>Autumn 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First teaching of the new specification 	<p><i>Autumn 2005</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last start date for teaching 1 year cohort
<p><i>Spring 2006</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First assessment series (availability of January units indicated in the specification) 	<p><i>Summer 2006</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last assessment series
<p>Summer 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First award of AS GCE qualification 	
<p><i>Summer 2007</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First award of Advanced GCE qualification 	<p><i>Spring 2007</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last re-sit opportunity for tests normally offered in January