

GCSE Health and Social Care, and Childcare (Single and Double Award)

Who is the qualification for?

The GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare is suitable for learners aged 14-16 who are interested in learning about the development and care of individuals throughout the life cycle from conception to later adulthood.

There are no previous learning requirements for this qualification. It is suitable for learners who have achieved a Level 1 qualification or who have no previous knowledge of the children's care, play, learning and development sectors.

What does the qualification cover?

The qualification enables learners to develop and demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding within the context of health and social care, and childcare.

The following issues are included in the specification:

- human growth, development and well-being
- promoting and maintaining health and well-being
- health and social care, and childcare in the 21st century
- promoting and supporting health and well-being to achieve positive outcomes.

Qualification structure

The GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare is available as a single and double award. Units 1 and 2 define the subject content for the single award qualification. Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 define the content for the double award qualification.

Unit	Unit Title	Assessment
1	Human growth, development and well-being	External
2	Promoting and maintaining health and well-being	Internal
3	Health and social care, and childcare in the 21 st century	External
4	Promoting and supporting health and well-being to achieve positive outcomes	Internal

Assessment

The GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare, is assessed through 60% internal assessment and 40% external assessment. Candidates must successfully complete:

- externally set, internally marked assignments
- external examinations.

What could the qualification lead to?

This qualification supports progression to further learning/ training and/or qualifications, including:

- Level 3 Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts
- GCE Health and Social Care, and Childcare
- Level 2 Health and Social Care: Practice (Adults)
- Level 3 Health and Social Care: Practice (Adults)
- Level 3 Health and Social Care: Practice (Children and Young People)
- Level 2 Children's Care Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory
- Level 3 Children's Care Play, Learning and Development: Practice and Theory
- Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care.

Further information

For further information please refer to the Health and Care Learning Wales website at www.hclw.wales.