



Providing help and care for those in need or who are vulnerable offers a unique sense of personal and career fulfilment. To make a real difference in your job you need the right skills. A Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care gives you the knowledge and experience to support the care, protection and wellbeing of adults, children and young people.

Qualification aim

This confirms competence for workers and is the required qualification for registration and regulatory requirements in the social care sector in England. It replaces the Health and Social Care NVQ at Level 3.

Who is this qualification suitable for?

Anyone working within the care sector, Level 3 is ideal if you work without direct supervision or on your own, perhaps in an individual's own home - or you want to start doing so. Job titles may include senior care assistant or senior support worker.

This qualification allows learners to check gaps in their learning and to plan continued professional development. It can help to identify career options and pathways whilst improving self confidence and motivation. A Health and Social Care Diploma also supports transitions between different service settings.

What is involved?

The diploma is made up of nine mandatory units and a range of optional units. The mandatory units are very closely aligned to the learning covered by new workers in the common induction standards (CIS) and the aim is for learners from any part of the sector to complete these standards and contextualise their learning to their service and job role.

There are options to take a generic Health and Social Care Diploma or a specialist Dementia or Learning Disability pathway which allows learners to further tailor their course to their job role.

Example Units

- Promote communication
- Engage in personal development
- Promote equality and inclusion
- Principles for implementing duty of care
- Principles of safeguarding and protection
- The role of the health and social care worker
- Promote person centred approaches
- Promote and implement health and safety
- Promote good practice in handling information

Qualification and progression

This Diploma can form part of the Health and Social Care Advanced Apprenticeship; check with your training provider at the point of registration if learner is to be enrolled onto the Diploma only or an apprenticeship programme.