

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This is an OCR Cambridge Technicals course equivalent to 2 A levels. Health and Social Care is a qualification that is ideally suited to those students who have an interest in the increasingly popular field of medical, social care or early years work.

The course content is assessment via course work only. It demands a high level of commitment to written work. A good standard of written English and numeracy is essential for this course in order to achieve the qualification.

The course aims to prepare students for progression to university or employment. It should be stressed that this course covers an extensive range of discipline, and is not just related to the caring of the elderly or children. There may also be an opportunity to complete a 'work placement' as part of the course. Students would need to devote some of their 'free lessons' to complete this, but this does give extremely valuable 'on the job' experience. University places in the Health and Social Care sector, and in particular, nursing/midwifery are highly competitive. Therefore, a work experience placement would be of great benefit to the application process. There may be an opportunity to interview prospective nursing degree students in the University of South Wales.



Sixth Form students attending the Nursing and Midwifery Department at University of South Wales Open Day



The following careers are a suitable progression route from Health and Social Care:

- ◇ Nursing (adult, child, mental health and learning disabilities)
- ◇ Midwifery
- ◇ Teaching
- ◇ Health promotion
- ◇ Public health
- ◇ Nursery nurse/ Play Leader
- ◇ Caring for vulnerable individuals
- ◇ Management in the Health & Social Care sector
- ◇ Youth work
- ◇ Social Worker
- ◇ Psychology
- ◇ Counselling
- ◇ Learning Support Assistant
- ◇ Speech and language therapist
- ◇ Working with Early Years
- ◇ And many more!

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Course content

This double award course is equivalent to **2 A-levels** and is a broad, challenging course studying the diverse and complex sector of Health and Social Care.

<i>Year 12</i>	<i>Year 13</i>
Unit 1 Developing effective communication	Unit 15 Promoting health education
Unit 2 Equality, diversity and rights	Unit 16 Diet & nutrition
Unit 3 Health, safety and security	Unit 17 Research methodology (linked with WBQ)
Unit 4 Development through the life stages	Unit 31 Public Health
Unit 6 Sociological perspectives	Unit 32 Safeguarding children & young people
Unit 7 Psychological perspectives	These units may be subject to change
Unit 12 Physiological disorders	

Assessment Procedure

You will be continually assessed throughout the course through project work, assignments, peer assessments, case studies and workbooks. The assessment grades range from:-

- Distinction* - equivalent to an A* grade
- Distinction - equivalent to an A grade
- Merit - equivalent to a C grade
- Pass - equivalent to an E grade
- Fail

The grades awarded over the two years will be accumulated to make up a double award grade.

Course work will need to be completed during school and at home so a high level of commitment is required. All units are of equal weighting and grades from all units in both years 12 and 13 will count towards the final grade achieved at the end of year 13.

Entry Requirements

It is essential that students have a minimum of 5 GCSE's grade C or above to gain entry onto the course, but this is subject to close consideration on an individual basis. However, there is **no requirement** to have completed GCSE Health and Social Care.

Please see Mrs Clarke if you have any further questions.