

GCSE DOUBLE AWARD

APPLIED HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

EXAMINING BOARD: CCEA

Course Content

This course introduces you to health, social care and early years and children's services sectors and provides a foundation for further study and employment. This course encourages students to develop a critical and analytical approach to problem-solving and to become effective and independent learners. It also enables students to develop research skills and apply the knowledge and understanding they gain.

You will study...

1 WORKING IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

You will investigate the world of work in health, social care and early years and children's services and how the needs of different client groups are met. This will also help you reflect on your own suitability for different job roles. See content below:

- Main employment sectors in health, social care, early years and children's services
- Job roles in health, social care, early years and children's services
- Principles of care/providing quality care
- Meeting client needs
- Accessing care services, and barriers to access

2 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

You will study human growth and development throughout the life stages and the factors which can affect them. See Content below:

- Human growth and development
- Factors affecting growth and development
- Relationships
- Self-concept
- Coping with life changes

3 HEALTH & WELLBEING

You will study the factors affecting an individual's health and well-being and the government's health and improvement priorities. You will learn about the measures of physical health and you will study and evaluate health improvement plans.

- Health and well-being
- Government health improvement targets
- Factors influencing health and well-being

- Measures of physical health
- Health improvement plan
- Evaluation of the health improvement plan

4 PROMOTING QUALITY CARE

You will study codes of practice in relation to health, social care and early years and children's services and how these codes contribute to promoting quality care. See content below:

- Code of Practice for Social Care Workers
- Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Code of Professional Conduct
- Values and principles of the early years and children's services sector
- Policies in care settings.

You will be assessed in the following way...

Over the two year course you will complete two examinations and six controlled assessment tasks. You will have the opportunity to sit three units at the end of your first year. Controlled assessment is work carried out by the students in a classroom under the supervision of the teacher. Tasks are set by CCEA and students are only allowed a set number of hours to complete the work. Only research can be completed at home.

- **Unit 1 (30%):** You will complete three controlled assessment tasks. The teacher will mark them and CCEA will moderate. (In Year 11.)
- **Unit 2 (20%):** 1 hour 30 minute examination, which includes a series of short-answer questions, structured questions and questions which require extended writing. You answer all questions. CCEA sets and marks the examination. (In Year 11.)
- **Unit 3 (30%):** You will complete three controlled assessment tasks. The teacher will mark them and CCEA will moderate. (In Year 12.)
- **Unit 4 (20%):** 1 hour 30 minute synoptic examination based on pre-release material (issued 8 weeks before the exam). The exam will include a series of short-answer questions, structured questions and questions which require extended writing. You answer all questions. CCEA sets and marks the examination. (In Year 12.)

THIS DOUBLE AWARD SUBJECT IS WORTH TWO GCSE GRADES

Future Prospects

In studying this course you will: develop understanding of the health and social care sector; develop an understanding of personal development and the health, social care and early years and children's services sectors by investigating and evaluating a range of services and organisations; develop a critical and analytical approach to problem solving within the health, social care and early years and children's services sectors; examine issues that affect the nature and quality of human life, giving consideration to cultural and diversity issues; understand what influences our health and well-being; and, understand the importance of motivation and support when improving health.