

Level 2: Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

Who is the qualification for?

The Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts qualification has been primarily designed for post-16 learners who are interested in learning more about the health and social care sectors.

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.

It is strongly recommended that a learner undertaking this qualification has completed or is currently undertaking the Health and Social Care: Core qualification.

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 practice. It includes the following current issues in relation to Health and Social Care in Wales:

- physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects that affect growth and development across the life stages of individuals
- the influence of life factors, lifestyle choices and life events on growth, health and well-being
- factors that shape self-concept
- the role and purpose of promoting health and well-being
- individual needs across all life stages
- opportunities and challenges both locally and across Wales
- the role and responsibilities of workers in the health and social care sector
- legislation and principles of care and support.

Learners are required to undertake a minimum of **60 hours** of sector engagement, of which at least **30 hours** must be spent undertaking a work placement. Other forms of sector engagement could include workplace visits, guest lecturers and attending external conferences and events.

Qualification structure

The Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts qualification is a unitised qualification which allows for an element of staged assessment. It is made up of two mandatory units:

Unit	Unit Title	Assessment
1	Promoting health and well-being throughout the life stages	External
2	Health and social care to support outcome-focused provision for person-centred care	Internal

Assessment

The Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts qualification is assessed through 60% internal assessment and 40% external assessment. Candidates must successfully complete:

- an externally set, internally marked assignment
- an external examination.

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.