

LEVEL 2 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: PRINCIPLES AND CONTEXTS

Why choose Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts?

The City & Guilds/WJEC consortium Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts is suitable for you if you are over 16 and are interested in learning more about the health and social care sectors. It is suitable if you have achieved a Level 1 qualification or if you have no previous knowledge of the children's care, play, learning and development sectors. The qualification enables you to develop and demonstrate your knowledge, skills and understanding within the context of health and social care practice.

The knowledge, understanding and skills you are required to achieve within this qualification build on the content of the Level 2 Health and Social Care: Core qualification. It is strongly recommended that, if you are undertaking this qualification, you have completed or are currently undertaking the Health and Social Care: Core qualification. It is a requirement of Social Care Wales that an individual working within the social care sector will need the Level 2 Health and Social Care: Core qualification to work within specific job roles.

What will I study?

The Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts qualification is made up of two mandatory units.

Unit 1: Promoting health and well-being throughout the life stages

Through this unit, which is externally assessed through an examination, you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- key physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects that affect growth and development across the lifespan of individuals
- the influence of life factors, lifestyle choices and life events on growth, health and well-being
- the factors that shape self-concept
- the role and purpose of promoting health and well-being

Unit 2: Health and social care to support outcome-focused provision for person-centred care

As part of this unit, which is internally assessed through a non-examination assessment (NEA), you must also undertake a minimum of **ten days of sector engagement**, of which at least **five days** (30 hours) must be spent undertaking a **work placement**.

Through the taught content of this unit and your sector engagement, you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- the range of individual needs across the lifespan
- the variety of opportunities and challenges, both locally and across Wales
- the roles and responsibilities of workers in the health and social care sector
- legislation and principles of care and support.

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What skills will I develop?

By studying Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts, you will be able to develop and demonstrate your knowledge, skills and understanding within the context of health and social care services. In particular, you will be able to demonstrate that you:

- understand the core principles and values which underpin health and social care practice and can apply them to a range of health and social care contexts
- understand the ways in which individuals' unique needs can be identified and responded to
- can reflect on how person-centred approaches are adopted in health and social care contexts
- understand job roles and functions within the health and social care sector
- understand the ways in which different settings, agencies and services work together to provide care for individuals
- can use literacy, numeracy and digital

How will I be assessed?

Unit 1: Promoting health and well-being throughout the life stages will be assessed through a written examination which:

- is 90 minutes in length
- is worth 40% of qualification
- is out of 80 marks
- can be taken either on-screen or as a written paper
- includes a range of question types
- consists of all compulsory questions

Unit 2: Health and social care to support outcome-focused provision for person-centred care will be assessed through a non-examination assessment (NEA): marked by your teacher, externally moderated by WJEC.

- 10 hours will be allocated for this assessment
- It is worth 60% of qualification
- It will be marked out of 120 marks
- It is made up of two assignments
- Assignment 1:** Set tasks will need to be completed, based on evidence presented in one of two case studies that will be released annually by WJEC.
- Assignment 2:** Tasks will need to be completed which will draw on your knowledge and understanding gained through your sector engagement.
- Written evidence will need to be submitted for both assignments.**

Careers with Level 2 Health and Social Care: Principles and Contexts

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