

Health, Society and Development Higher Diploma

Structure & Specification

Health, Society and Development is a 9 unit course studied over one year.

Syllabus details

Edexcel SHD Level 2.

What does the course include?

The course is made up of **nine units** – eight units are coursework and one unit is examined. You will also be required to complete a project and achieve Level 2 functional skills in Maths, English and ICT. You will also need to complete 'Additional Learning' in the form of GCSE's or equivalent qualifications. During the course you will have 10 days work experience in a specialist setting.

Units

- 1. Principles, Values and Personal Development.** You will investigate rules and regulations, treating people fairly and the values of a community.
- 2. Working Together and Communicating.** You will learn about the importance of communication within a team and how to breakdown communication barriers.
- 3. Safeguarding and Protecting Individuals.** This is about working with people who are displaying threatening, aggressive or dangerous behaviour.
- 4. Growth, Development and Healthy Living.** You will be examined on how children develop and the services involved in working with young people.
- 5. Needs and Preferences.** We all have different needs at different times. You will learn how these change as we get older.
- 6. Antisocial and Offending Behaviour.** Is our community safe? What services makes up the justice sector?
- 7. Supporting Children and Young People.** You will investigate the professions who work with children from birth to adolescence.
- 8. Patient Centred Health.** You will learn about the roles of different health care professionals, the different methods of investigating health and the structure of the NHS.
- 9. The Social Model of Disability.** You will develop a different understanding of disability and how we are all responsible for improving society.

How will I learn?

The responsibility for delivering this course is divided between different teachers and professionals working for the different employment sectors. Class work will take a variety of forms and a range of learning activities will be used. Your time in lessons will involve you working both individually and as a member of a group. You will learn how to develop your personal, learning and thinking skills. Much of the course focuses on work based learning and this will involve visits to different care settings. You will also work with students from other local schools, participating in 'Diploma Days' designed to enhance your understanding of the different professions. This course will also require you to demonstrate a range of practical skills necessary for working with clients with different needs

How will my work be assessed?

Eight units are coursework and one unit is examined. Coursework must be completed under controlled conditions.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

It is very important that you have an interest in working in the Health, Social Care, Early Years or Youth Justice Sectors.

Organisational skills are required and will be developed further during your time with us. Communication skills are important and the ability to demonstrate effective methods of communication, both oral and written, makes up a large part of your course

What are the entry requirements?

GCSEs grades D or E.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

You can progress to an Advanced Diploma or equivalent Advanced level work if you achieve a grade C or above. Alternatively you could move into further training or into employment.