

Health, Society and Development Advanced Diploma

Structure & Specification

Health, Society and Development is a 6 unit course studied over two years.

Syllabus details

Edexcel SHD Level 3.

What does the course include?

The course is made up of **6 units** – four units are coursework and two units are examined. You will also be required to complete an extended project and achieve Level 2 functional skills in Maths, English and ICT. You will also need to complete 'Additional learning' in the form of Advanced levels or equivalent qualifications. During the course you will have 20 days work experience in a specialist setting.

Units

- 1. The Sectors in Context.** You will learn about the different types of service provision in and across the four different sectors (Health, Social Care, Early Years and Justice). You will understand how they interact, the legislation that influences the role of the sector and the attributes required for employment in each sector.
- 2. Principles and Values.** You will understand how individuals' choices influence the provision of services and how the law challenges discrimination. You will learn that legislation and rights sometimes come into conflict. You will investigate this using the debate between confidentiality and disclosure of information.
- 3. Partnership Working.** For this unit you will be required to carry out a piece of research investigating how services work together, the potential benefits and barriers to this type of working and how service users can influence the partnership working.
- 4. Communication and Information Sharing.** You will look at different methods of communication and assess their effectiveness. You will challenge barriers to communication and investigate the impact of technology on communication.
- 5. Personal and Professional Development in the Work Environment.** You will learn about professional development opportunities within each of the sectors.
- 6. Safeguarding and Protecting Individuals and Society.** Is our community safe? Is the workplace Safe? You will learn how to assess the safety of different environments and how to reduce conflict situations.

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 prepare and give presentations, read and extract information from texts and write reports. 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 also will require you to demonstrate a range of practical skills necessary for working with clients with

How will my work be assessed?

Four units are coursework and two units are 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?

5 GCSEs grades C or above including English.

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

You can progress to Higher Education developing your knowledge of one of the different sectors. Alternatively you could move into further training or into employment.