

Health & Education Studies

Core technical qualification

OCR Level 1/2 National Award in Health and Social Care

What will you be learning?

- How to use basic first aid procedures
- Ways to use specialist communication techniques to support individuals, e.g. British Sign Language and the use of advocates.
- Where to find and how to access relevant sources of support for individuals
- Pathways for providing care in health, social care and early years
- How individuals grow and develop through their life-span
- The factors that positively or negatively affect a person's health and well-being

Methods of assessment

- Three pieces of internally marked coursework (each worth 25% of your final mark)
- One exam (worth 25% of your final mark)

What are lessons like?

- There will be a lot of variety in our immersive lessons. You will be learning about the needs of different client groups, eg pregnant women, children and the elderly – considering how needs change over time and what services are available to support different groups
 - As we do this, we'll spend time with colleagues from a range of partner organisations including local primary schools as we learn about effective care and communication skills
 - A willingness to work hard and get involved is key – we plan our lessons to draw in as many practical tasks and employer links as we can so that you understand the workplace relevance of all the material we cover.
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How will we work with employers and the community?

- Our assessments are designed with the needs of our local health, education and social care services in mind. For example in Year 10 we work with Morecambe Bay NHS Trust to develop Effective Communication resources for new employees to the trust
- Our links with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service gives us the opportunity to learn more about the diverse range of careers available in the service, including learning the work of the fire service as 'first responders' to a range of medical emergencies
- We have forged a range of successful links with a range of local primary schools including St Mary's in Kirkby Lonsdale and Torrisholme Primary School in Morecambe. Colleagues in schools such as these can help with assessing learner work that focusses on children in primary schools.

Where can this pathway lead?

This course leads on to Level 3 qualifications in both Health and Early Years Education here at QESTudio. These Level 3 courses can be taken alongside A levels, particularly Psychology, English Language and Biology. Alternatively an increasingly vocational pathway could be followed at Level 3 with an NHS apprenticeship in health care, social care (through the local authority or a private provider) or in education.