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The fact that health and social care services for adults and children are highly regulated means that you will often need a qualification if you are to work in a hospital, someone's home or in a residential or day care setting.

The City & Guilds Certificates in Health and Social Care are the approved *Technical Certificates* within the apprenticeship frameworks in England and Wales. They are designed to support all learners who are either employed or undertaking work experience in health or social care settings and who work with either adults or children and young people.

These qualifications can also provide valuable accreditation of skills and knowledge, for anyone who is **not** following N/SVQ and Apprenticeships programmes. These certificates can therefore act as stand alone qualifications to prove that you have built the required knowledge, understanding and skills that employers are really looking for in this sector.

Not only will these qualifications offer you more flexibility in the areas you work in, they'll also help you progress in your career. So whether you're working with adults or children and young people in public or private services, full-time, part-time, day time or night time, paid or voluntary, you will find the right qualification for your work.

Which qualification is right for me?

Level 2 Certificate in Health and Social Care (Technical Certificate)

This level 2 certificate is designed for anyone who works or who wants to work in a health or social care setting. It is relevant for home care assistants, community support assistants, healthcare assistants, and residential or day service assistants.

You will need to complete the following **four** units:

- Developing own knowledge and practice in a health and social care setting
- Supporting the care, protection and well-being of individuals in a health and social care setting
- Communicating with, and completing records for individuals in a health and social care setting
- Understanding health and safety practice in a health and social care setting

To gain the full certificate you must successfully complete all **four** units by written assignments.

Level 3 Certificates in Health and Social Care (Technical Certificate)

At level 3 we offer two pathways - one for those working with **adults** and another for those working with **children and young people**.

The **Adults** pathway is aimed at senior care workers, health care workers, home care organisers and community support workers and is particularly relevant if you have supervisory responsibility or are involved in specialist tasks with some degree of responsibility or independence.

The **Children and Young People pathway** is especially relevant to residential child care workers and foster carers as well as workers in health and youth justice settings.

For both pathways you need to complete a total of **four** units.

There are **three** core (mandatory) units:

- Reflecting on and developing own practice in a health and social care role
- Promoting effective communication for and about individuals in a health and social care setting
- Promote health and safety practice in a health and social care setting

You must then select **one** optional unit which defines your chosen pathway:

- Promoting the care, well-being and protection of children and young people (Children and young people pathway)
- or
- Promoting choice, well-being and protection of all individuals in a care setting (Adults pathway)

Both these pathways are also suitable for you if you have completed the level 2 qualification but do not currently work in a level 3 job role.

What are the entry requirements and how will I be assessed?

There are no formal entry requirements for these qualifications, however your centre will ensure you have the skills to be able to complete the qualification. You will need some study skills and general communication skills in order to complete the assignments.

Each unit is assessed by a centre-marked written assignment which is made up of a number of tasks. You will **not** be required to complete an external test or exam.

Do the qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

These qualifications are approved by qualification authorities across the UK and are highly recognised by regulators and workforce development organisations as the standard expected at this level. The certificates also meet the *Technical Certificate* requirements for the apprenticeship framework in Health & Social Care in both England and Wales.

This recognition means employers in the health and care sector will take these qualifications as proof of your knowledge, greatly increasing the chance of you finding relevant work, therefore enhancing your career.

Key points

- Recognised by employers across the UK
- Designed for care workers in the full range of settings
- Prove that you have the skills and knowledge to work competently and safely with service users
- You do not need any other qualifications to become a candidate
- Act as a stand alone qualification as well as forming the *Technical Certificate* of the Health and Social Care Apprenticeship in both England and Wales

Are there any learning materials available?

When you enrol, your centre will provide you with all the materials and documents you will need.

Are there any other qualifications that may be of interest to me?

You might also be interested in these NVQ/SVQs:

Level 2,3 and 4 N/SVQ in Health and Social Care

Level 2 and NVQs in Health

Level 2,3 and 4 N/SVQ Children's Care, Learning and Development (CCLD)

Levels 2 and 3 NVQ in Youth Work

We also offer a range of qualifications designed to help you progress between levels:

Levels 2 and 3 Certificate in Working with People who have Learning Disabilities

Level 2 and 3 Certificates in Children's Care, Learning and Development (CCLD)

Level 3 Certificate in Community Mental Health Care

If you are new to your work in Mental Health, you might want to look at this Initial Award:

Level 2 Certificate in Mental Health Work

If you are interested in Apprenticeships in health and social care and would like to find more details on the benefits of Apprenticeships, go to **www.apprenticeships.org.uk**. You must be aged 16-24 years in England to be eligible for an Apprenticeship, this age limitation does not apply in Wales.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more by contacting your nearest City & Guilds centre. To find it, log on to our website or contact our Customer Relations team at:

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