

Level 3 Extended Diploma Health and Social Care

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

The department is committed to inspiring and motivating learners through high quality teaching and learning and progression guidance.

What will I study?

On this course you will study a variety of health related area such as legislation, communication and sociology. You will complete work experience in a variety of settings including residential homes to work as a volunteer and to share good practice. You will also have the opportunity to visit universities to experience student life. This course is an excellent opportunity to develop professional skills, knowledge and expertise in all aspects of health and social care with adults and children. An integral part of the course is attending a range of placements that offer the opportunity to develop skills further and relate theory to practice, again with children and adults.

How will I be assessed?

Personal and professional development – this unit involves at least 150 hours of placement in a social care or early years settings. Some of the units will be exam based, there will be four exams over two years. Students must reflect on each experience using tutor and mentor reports and their own evaluations and produce a portfolio.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 9 – 4 grades including a grade 4 in English Language and a Grade 4 in Maths. Students must also have a clear DBS (please enquire at your interview).

Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

You do not need to have previously studied this subject at GCSE.

What will this course lead on to?

You could progress to a BA (Hons) degree in Adult & Children's Nursing, Midwifery, Mental Health roles & Learning Disability Nursing, Social Work and Youth Work, Public Health, Social Care, Community Work and SEN. You could enter employment as a senior care worker in a range of settings including residential and nursing homes. Some other pathways are:

- Teaching
- Counselling
- Criminology, Sociology and Psychology

Please note:

You will study your vocational course full time over one or two years. Vocational courses are assessed via a mix of projects, assessments and exams and can also offer students progression to university.



A Centre of Excellence

Industry placement and experience is a vital part of all of the Health and Social Care and Health Studies qualifications. During the course, students will experience work experience placements including hospitals and social care settings. Our innovative partnerships in the Health Sector allow us to access prestigious work placements within Warrington Hospital, the NHS, Halton Borough Council and Community Integrated Care (CIC).

Be inspired

Students studying Health and Social Care will gain both theoretical knowledge and invaluable practical experience to enable them to progress to employment or further education in their chosen sector. Health and Social Care students will benefit from our new clinical practice ward with the latest equipment. All students must complete a DBS before carrying out placement. This will be completed within the college.

Are there any costs associated with this course?

You will need to purchase a polo shirt (£7) Hoodie (£11) please note that costs are subject to change for 2022 courses and they are to be worn in college and on your placements.

Enrichment Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to visit universities to experience student life in taster days/week. Additionally, you will be able to build up a portfolio of short courses in first aid, Dementia awareness, manual handling, autism and counselling.

Visit other industry care environments outside your placement requirements. Raise money for charity, Guest Speakers and the opportunity to enter UK skills competitions.

Facilities

Our fantastic simulated ward with manikin patients and an accessible care suite helps students to experience a real work environment. You will be able to carry out many practical elements of the course such as taking blood pressure, checking heart rates and pulse, and practice moving and handling.

What previous students have said about this course?

“I’m in my second year and I’m planning on going into Youth and Community Work. Health and Social Care contains many fascinating topics. Over the past year I’ve particularly enjoyed Psychology, Sociology and Physiological Disorders; learning about the diverse range of people and about the differences that people have has been incredibly enlightening. Our class is currently using the new ward and have been learning about how to make a bed along with CPR. There are many fantastic parts of this Health and Social Care course but one of the best parts is the teaching and the teachers. The teaching standard is very high, but as well, all the teachers are all incredibly supportive and helpful. There’s never a time when you’re upset or stuck with work and can’t access support or help from someone.”



Ofsted Outstanding 2020

Our students

“Relationships between learners, apprentices and their teachers and assessors are excellent”

“Learners and apprentices develop their confidence, resilience and strong independence skills”

Enrichment

“Learners on advanced level programmes greatly benefit from the ‘prestigious universities’ programme that facilitates successful applications to universities. Consequently, most progress into higher education with a significant number going to the best universities”



Coming Soon

Health & Well-being Centre

A brand new £6 million Health & Well-being Centre at Cronton Sixth Form.