

Level 3 Extended Diploma Health Studies

What is this course about?

The Extended Diploma in Health Studies provides a broad insight into the healthcare profession and considers the skills and qualities required to work in a range of healthcare settings.

These include hospitals, doctors' surgeries and pharmacies. One of the great strengths of the Diploma is the integration of theory and practice as students have the opportunity to apply what they have learnt at College to their healthcare work placements. This exciting and innovative course in health provides you with a broad in sight and invaluable experience in a variety of different healthcare settings. These varied experiences enable you to develop professional skills, knowledge, skills and qualities to a high standard. An integral part of the course is attending a rotation of placements at Warrington and Halton Hospital Trust that offer the opportunity to develop skills further and relate theory to practice.

Why choose this course?

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

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.



Entry Requirements

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

What will this course lead on to?

You could progress onto a higher level of study such as a BA (Hons) degree in Adult & Children's Nursing, Mental Health & Learning Disability Nursing, as well as degrees in other allied health professions such as paramedics, radiography, operation department practitioner, occupational therapy and podiatry and physiotherapy.

What will I learn on this course?

The course will enable you to develop the knowledge and skills required to work in a range of health related professions, including Anatomy and physiology, psychology, sociology and physiological disorders and Science for Health. The placement experience will enable you develop your practical and personal skills that you will need to be successful in your chosen career.

Industry Placements

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 a variety of work experience placements including hospitals, nurseries, primary schools and social care settings. Our innovative partnerships in the Health Sector allow us to access prestigious work placements within Warrington Hospital, the NHS 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.



Enrichment Opportunities

You will have the opportunity to visit universities to experience student life in taster days/week. Visit care environments, outside placement requirements, raise money for charity and guest speakers.

How will I be assessed?

Personal and professional development – this unit involves at least 150 hours of placement to be successfully completed in a health and care setting. 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.

Are there any costs associated with this course?

You will need to purchase a polo shirt (£6.55) and hoodie (14.95 zipped or £22.95 pull-on) please note that costs are subject to change and they are to be worn in college and on your placements.

Facilities

Coming Soon: 6 Million Pound Health and Well-being Centre with Futuristic simulated Nursing Training Rooms, Sensory and Immersion rooms, and a simulated Hospital Ward.

What previous students have said about this course?

“I want to study a degree in medicine and this course already gives me basic knowledge in Health Studies. The tutors are also really supportive in helping me find the most suitable placements for my career choice.”

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”



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