
Health and Social Care

OCR Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ) in Health and Social Care



Course Description

The OCR AAQ in Health and Social Care provides an in-depth understanding of the health, social care, and early years sectors. It combines academic study with practical application, focusing on topics such as promoting quality care, communication, health and safety, anatomy and physiology, and supporting individuals with diverse needs. Students develop skills in research, analysis, and problem-solving while gaining insight into real-world care environments. This qualification is ideal for those interested in careers in health, social care, or related professions.

Methods of Assessment

- Externally assessed units: Written exams covering core topics such as health and safety, anatomy and physiology, and promoting good health.
- Internally assessed coursework: Assignments based on case studies, practical investigations, and applied research.

Progression

This qualification supports progression to:

- Higher Education: Degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Health Studies, Psychology, or related fields.
- Employment: Roles in health and social care settings, including care assistants, support workers, and administrative positions.
- Apprenticeships: Opportunities in health and social care, early years education, and allied health professions.

Student Testimonial - Keisha



Health and Social Care has taught me an incredible range of skills, particularly communication, understanding, and empathy, which I believe will be essential in my future career.

The skills I've developed and the knowledge I've gained are largely thanks to the support I've received over the years from my teacher. They encouraged me to be ambitious and exceed my target grade. This confidence has carried over into my post-18 aspirations, where I hope to apply my Health and Social Care learning to a university course related to the healthcare sector.

Class of 2024-25

 **SIXTH FORM**
Where are they now?

Liam S.
University of Nottingham
Population Health Sciences

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Where are they now?

Ruby H.
Swansea University
Education

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Megan M.
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Child Nursing

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Muna O.
University of Wolverhampton
Child Nursing

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Where are they now?

Ruby-Ann M.
Apprenticeship
Teaching Ass. - Greenside Sch.

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Where are they now?

Verona M.
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