



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Exam Board: AQA

Why should I study the course?

Choice of a **Single Award** and a **Double Award** available. More structured content arranged across ten units. Both the Single and the Double Awards focus on the fundamental principles of health and social care. Health and Social Care complements other A-Level studies such as Biology, Sociology and Psychology and equips students with skills needed for higher education and the world of work.

The specification introduces students to key concepts and a body of knowledge that will provide them with an individual and thoughtful perspective on contemporary issues in health and social care. It provides insight into the job opportunities relevant to areas of work and gives students the opportunity to explore the main employment sectors in the four sectors of health, social care, community justice and the children and young people's workforce.

AS single award outline

This consists of 2 units:

HSC01 - Effective Care and Communication, portfolio (80 marks) plus one optional unit either,

HSC02 - Understanding Health Conditions and Patient Care Pathways written paper (60 marks) or

HSC03 Life is a Challenge – written paper (60 marks)

A2 single award outline

This consists of 2 units:

HSC06 -Practitioners Roles – portfolio (80 units), and one optional unit from,

HSC05 - Learning and Development – written paper (80 marks) or

HSC07 - Food or Fitness – written paper (80 marks) or

HSC10- Diagnosis or Treatment and Preventative Strategies – written paper (80 marks)

AS double award outline

This consists of 4 units:

HSC01 - Effective Care and Communication, portfolio (80 marks)

HSC02 - Understanding Health Conditions and Patient Care Pathways written paper (60 marks)

HSC03 - Life is a Challenge – written paper (60 marks)

HSC04 - Educating Children and Young people – portfolio (80 marks)

A2 double award outline

This consists of 4 units:

HSC06 - Practitioners Roles – portfolio (80 units), and three optional unit from,

HSC05 - Learning and Development – written paper (80 marks)

HSC07 - Food or Fitness – written paper (80 marks)

HSC08 – Using and Understanding Research- portfolio (80 marks)

HSC09 – Understanding Mental Disorders – Portfolio (80 marks) or

HSC10 - Diagnosis or Treatment and Preventative Strategies – written paper (80 marks)

Entry requirements

The minimum requirement for A level Health and Social Care. B grade at GCSE or equivalent.