



## Applied A Level Health and Social Care (Single)

This is either a one or two year course depending upon whether you choose to complete a total of three units (one year) or six units (two years). The six unit course is equivalent to one A Level. The course is suitable for students with an interest in Health and Social Care as a career and who also want to combine this course with three AS subjects.

### Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and grade C or above in either Mathematics or Science plus a keen interest in Health and Social Care. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. You must enjoy completing coursework and be able to meet deadlines.

### This subject will focus on:

- working in health and social care – increasing your understanding of the world of work;
- effective caring essential skills and services provided for clients;
- effective communication;
- health, illness and disease – concepts of health and ill-health, factors affecting health and well-being; and
- human development which introduces different theories of human development and behaviour and the genetic and socio-economic factors which influence them.

### You can expect to:

- develop skills of independent research and investigation;
- develop a good understanding of the skills needed in a health and social care setting;
- produce a range of interesting assignments;
- take part in discussions and give presentations; and
- learn how to manage deadlines effectively.

### Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination. There will be external written tests set by the Examination Board to assess your understanding in one third of the units. The remaining two thirds of the units will be internally assessed through assignments. You will be working on coursework throughout the year, so the course is suitable for you if you prefer this type of study.

### Progression:

After the course, you can use this qualification as a route into a Health Studies degree or go on to nurse or social work training. Alternatively, you could go straight into social care employment and then develop your career by following an NVQ course in your chosen area.

**Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:**

Yasmin Johnson (ex Barking Abbey) achieved an A grade in Health and Social Care and has subsequently completed a BSC in Psychology at the University of Greenwich. Yasmin's experience at College made her even more determined to pursue her career goal – to become an Educational Psychologist.