



Applied A Level Health & Social Care (Double)

Two year course.

This is a two year course which will offer opportunities for work experience (one day per week) as well as college based studies on the remaining four days. This course is equivalent to two A levels. Students can combine this course with an additional A/AS level of their choice. Citizenship, Communication Studies, Psychology or Biology are particularly suitable.

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 a grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics or Science plus a keen interest in Health & Social Care. You must also enjoy completing coursework and be able to meet deadlines.

This subject will focus on:

- working in Health & Social Care – increase your understanding of the world of work;
- effective caring;
- effective communication;
- health, illness and disease;
- child development;
- social policy; and
- clients with disabilities.

You can expect to:

- develop independent research skills;
- develop a good understanding of the skills needed in a health and social care setting;
- take part in discussions and give presentations;
- attend work experience in a range of settings; and
- learn how to manage deadlines effectively.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination. Approximately two thirds of the units will be assessed through assignments throughout the year. If you prefer this type of study then this course is suitable for you.

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.

Other information:

The work- experience provides a focus for this course. It provides the opportunity to develop and assess your own suitability for this area of work.

Charlotte Hammond (ex Abbs Cross) said, "I didn't fancy going on the special needs placement, but when I got there I loved it. I now know I want to work in this sector." She is now in full-time employment in a Special Needs school.

Health and Social Care (Double) had a 100% pass rate at A level in 2008.