

What is the course about?

This course allows students to explore various aspects of the health and social care sector through broad investigation and applied learning. It develops applied knowledge and understanding tasks to build essential sector knowledge. It is designed for progression into higher education.

Course content

- Human lifespan and development.
- Human biology and health.
- Health and social care practice.
- Optional specialisation in areas like health policy and wellbeing, promoting health education, or safe environments.

Assessment

Assessment is split 50% external (exams) and 50% internal (assignments). The two mandatory units (Lifespan and Biology) are assessed by two 1.5-hour external exams. The two internal units comprise the mandatory practice unit and the student's selected optional unit.

Career pathways

This course is an excellent foundation for pursuing degrees in nursing, social work, public health, and other health professions. It prepares students for roles in clinical settings, community care, and social support services.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five grade 4 to 9s at GCSE, including English and Maths.