

OCR LEVEL 3 NATIONAL – Health, Social Care & Early Years

Introduction

The OCR Level 3 National in Health, Social Care & Early Years incorporates learning about the provision and practice of health care in the UK, the social care needs of people across the whole of the life span, aspects of biology, psychology, sociology, early years care and education and law. If you want to build a career in health and social care or early years, OCR Nationals provide the skills, knowledge and understanding you will need.

At Level 3, you will develop your work-related skills and knowledge, covering more advanced issues and topics. In addition to completing the theory and working on your coursework in school, you will be advised to arrange and attend appropriate work placements in order to gain the practical experience you need to demonstrate and apply your knowledge and understanding.

Qualification Structure

OCR National in Health, Social Care and Early Years at Level 3 is studied over 2 years.

You will complete the 4 mandatory units outlined below, plus two optional units. This is equivalent to 1 A-level.

Course Structure; Mandatory Units

Unit 1 – Working to Quality Practice in Care Settings

Through this unit, students gain an understanding of the key principles of quality practice in care. They learn about care values, how these protect the rights of service users, promote equality and diversity, and ensure confidentiality in a range of care settings.

Unit 2 – Working with Service Users in Care Settings

You will look at how to form good relationships with service users, valuing all people as individuals.

This involves issues of stereotyping and prejudice and develops your knowledge of different forms of communication.

Unit 3 – Behavioural Awareness in Care Settings

Examining the development of behaviour in children, adolescents and adults, considering such behaviours against theorists who specialise in these fields.

Unit 4 – Applied Practical Skills

Many care roles demand a range of practical skills and this unit helps to develop them – from caring for people with infections to manual handling. You will learn about monitoring service user's health, making beds and planning, preparing and serving food.

NB OCR Nationals and all other vocational qualifications are currently being reviewed following the Wolf Report. There may be some changes to the units being studied and the method of assessment from Sept 2012.

If you take the OCR National Level 3 in Health, Social Care and Early Years, you will need to take the course for **two** years before you gain your qualification.

For more information please see Mrs S Northover