



Health & Social Care

CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma
(3 x A-Level equivalent)

Aims of the course:

The aim of the course is to enable students to develop an understanding of working with people with specific needs. Work experience is integral to the course and gives students the opportunity to put theory into practice whilst allowing students to also develop the skills necessary for a future career within the Health or Social Care sector. Students will develop independent research skills and are encouraged to reflect on their attributes and own professional development throughout the course.

What are lessons like?

Students receive engaging input lessons that involve discussion, group work and presentations. A portfolio of coursework for each unit studied is then required, allowing students to develop excellent organisational and independent research skills.

Compulsory Units Studied

In order to achieve the CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (VRQ), you must achieve 14 mandatory units from Group A, 3 units from Optional Group 1 and 1 unit from Optional Group 2. You will also sit a controlled assessment in Year 12 and a controlled assessment and external exam in Year 13.

HSC CM1	Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
HSC CM2	Human growth and development
HSC CM3	Safeguarding in health and social care
HSC CM4	Communication in health and social care
HSC CM5	Infection prevention and control in health and social care
HSC CM6	Psychological perspectives in health and social care
HSC CM7	Sociological perspectives in health and social care
HSC CM8	Working in health and social care
HSC CM9	Reflective practice
HSC DM1	Empowerment in health and social care
HSC DM2	Protection of children, young people and adults in health and social care
HSC DM3	Anatomy and physiology for health and social care
HSC DM4	Research skills for health and social care
HSC DM5	Personal and professional development



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Optional units will be chosen by your class teachers. These will further increase your knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector as you will study topics including Mental Health, Dementia, The role of Play and Complementary Therapies.

Work experience placements

The course includes a **compulsory** placement requiring **175 hours** of work experience in different settings over the two years, for which a full DBS check will be carried out. This will give you the opportunity to put theory into practice and enable you to bring together learning from other units of study.

How you will be assessed

The course is assessed over 19 units over two years, in two ways: formal extended assessment and internally assessed coursework (subject to external verification). Students must undertake one Examination in Anatomy and Physiology and Two Controlled Assessments.

Where can this course lead to?

This course enables students to progress onto university or to start an apprenticeship or career in Health and Social Care.

Students have in the past studied for a degree in nursing, midwifery, social work, education studies, psychology, primary teaching, early childhood studies and occupational health – to name just a few! Alternatively, students may wish to pursue a career within a health or social care setting

Why choose to study Health & Social Care at St Mary's?

Health and Social Care is a vibrant and expanding subject at St Mary's College. Our ground breaking partnership with Hull Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Hull & East Riding has produced the country's first Medical, Health and Social Care 6th Form Academy here at St Mary's. This enables us to provide the highest quality work placements and enrichment activities delivered by expert practitioners in their fields. As a Health & Social Care student, you will benefit from one day's work experience per week in busy and stimulating settings. You will receive both pastoral and professional mentoring that will help us tailor placements to meet your needs and career preferences. Our aim is to support the NHS ambition to recruit and retain the brightest and best medical, health and social care talent in this area and to grow a local NHS workforce for the future.

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