

Health & Social Care

Social Science

This course will suit you if: You enjoy learning about the needs of others and wish to pursue a career in any of the allied medical professions, such as nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work and midwifery (for example). You should have a keen interest in human biology, as well as health and wellbeing.

Qualification, Examination Board & Specification: Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate (one A Level) or Cambridge Technical Certificate (one AS Level); Cambridge Assessment; Qualification 601/7060/8

Are you interested in the health and wellbeing of others? Do you wish to pursue a profession in the health or social care sectors? Do you want to know how to support those with physical or mental health issues?

Health and Social Care is offered as a one or two year programme and is a technical certificate that is specifically targeted at those looking at careers in the allied health professions and social care services. It provides the underpinning content for degree programmes in nursing, midwifery, and social care, along with medical therapy programmes (such as physical, occupational, sports therapies). The full two year course has three external examinations and three coursework assessments.

The topics in the first year include;

- Positive relationships (coursework): where the importance of professionalism and client relationships is studied, along with the processes of multi-agency working, individual needs, advocacy and employer team relationships.
- Equality, diversity and rights (examination): the promotion of equality and rights is essential in all professions where clients are vulnerable or in need. The implications of diversity for care sectors is addressed, along with the appropriate legislations and policy/practice requirements of the service providers to ensure fair and equal care services.
- Health and safety (examination); you will learn about the processes and procedures in this field, such as disposal of sharps, hazardous substances, bio hazardous materials, physical and psychological health, safeguarding, fire risk, first aid, and risk assessments, along with the outcome of not meeting health and safety legislation.

The topics in the second year include;

- Anatomy and physiology for health (examination); where you will learn about the structure, functions and malfunctions of the following: the cardiovascular system, blood systems, respiratory system, cellular respiration, the digestive system, musculoskeletal systems, endocrine system, brains structure and neurotransmission, the major organs (kidney, liver, pancreas), central nervous system, and system and the ear.
- Mental health (coursework); you will learn about the main types of mental health issues, such as affective disorders, schizophrenia, phobias, body dysmorphia, psychosis (for example) and the causes, signs and symptoms of each. You will also understand how to treat and support individuals with mental health issues at an individual, local or national level.



- Public health (coursework); this is concerned with protecting and improving the health of the population through initiatives and campaigns, legislative and social policy changes, and organisational objectives (such as World Health Organisation, NHS). You will learn about current health targets, such as childhood obesity, cancer survival, and the screening and health promotion processes in place to target these public health issues.

At BL6 you can choose to study subjects from a wide range of courses across various curriculum areas. Choosing the right subjects is important. You should consider subjects you enjoy studying, their course content, and options that will support your future career plans.

Popular combinations of subjects that work well with this subject area are:

Biology; Psychology; Sociology; Chemistry; Physical Education; Mathematics; Law; Government and Politics

Subject Related Career Destinations:

Nursing; Midwifery; Occupational Therapy; Physiotherapy; Radiology; Psychology; Therapist; Counselling; Mental Health Services, Prison service, Youth offending teams.

Assessment Method:

Two examinations (66%) and one piece of coursework (33%) in the first year; one examination (50%) and two pieces of coursework (50%) in the second year. Candidates will be awarded a pass, merit or distinction. Examinations take place in January and June, depending on unit availability.

Additional Support:

As part of the enrichment process in BL6, there will be careers talks and an opportunity to meet with admissions tutors. You will be given the opportunity to gain vital work experience and

to practice for those crucial interview techniques. There will be sessions with your tutor and an opportunity to meet with representatives from local universities.

Specific Entry Requirements:

Grades B/7 in Core Science and Additional Science, or a B/7 Grade in Biology at GCSE. Grade B/6 in English.

Course Duration: 1 year or 2 years.

Keep up to Date:

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The Nuffield Trust has a free email subscriptions service to keep you up to date on current health and social care issues.

Destinations of students who left in 2015:

University of Chester Child Nursing; University of Chester Adult Nursing; Durham University Psychology; Sheffield University Occupational Therapy; The University of Nottingham Paediatric Nursing; Keele University Adult Nursing; York University Social Work (adult); Liverpool University Paramedic Science.

"The greatest mistake in the treatment of diseases is that there are physicians for the body and physicians for the soul, although the two cannot be separated." Plato.

