

Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care

Pathway 1 - Health Sector

This programme will guide and assess the development of the knowledge and skills of those employed within the health and social care sector. The qualifications included will be relevant to those supporting adults in roles such as:

- Healthcare assistants / support workers in primary care environments e.g. employed by NHS Trust

On completion of this apprenticeship framework, the candidate will receive the following qualifications and certificates:

- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults)
- Essential Skills Wales – Application of Number Level 2 and Communication Level 2
- Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care

Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care

To achieve the Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care (Adults), the candidate must achieve a minimum of 58 credits.

This will comprise of:

course units

Mandatory Units – 9 units (28 credits)

These units cover areas such as:

- communication
- personal development
- equality and inclusion
- duty of care
- principles of safeguarding and protection
- the role of the health and social care worker
- person centred approaches
- health and safety
- handling information

Optional Units - (minimum 30 credits)

The optional units available are designed to add flexibility to the real working context of the candidate. In addition to familiar health and social care contexts, there are also optional units related to dementia, mental health, infection control, learning and physical disabilities.

Candidates on an apprenticeship programme in Wales are required to choose the unit: Introductory awareness of sensory loss.

Essential Skills Wales

These are essential skills that are critical to develop and succeed in the workplace today. There are two skill areas which participants complete through a combination of work-based assessments:

- Application of Number Level 2
- Communication Level 2

Course Delivery

An Assessor will visit the candidate at their workplace at least once a month for approximately an hour. In addition to this, they will be set approximately four hours of work to complete before the next meeting.

Recommended Time on Framework

The recommended time to complete this Apprenticeship framework is 15 months.