

GCSE Health and Social Care

Course content and overview

A GCSE in Health and Social Care, and Childcare equips learners with knowledge, understanding and skills related to the development and care of individuals throughout the life cycle from conception to later adulthood. Learners have the opportunity to develop their understanding of influences on human growth, development, behaviour and well-being. They will also gain an understanding of the social, physical, emotional, and cultural needs of people who use care and support services, and recognise that each individual has a unique blend of abilities and needs.

Assessment Details

Exam Board: WJEC

Assessment: 2 Units

Unit 1:

Human growth, development and well-being

Written examination: 1 hour 30 minutes

40% of Single Award qualification

Unit 2:

Promoting and maintaining health and well-being

Non-exam assessment: approximately 25 hours

60% of Single Award qualification

Useful Revision Guides, resources and websites

The Health and Social GCSE specification can be found at: [GCSE Specification Template \(healthandsocialcarelearning.wales\)](https://www.healthandsocialcarelearning.wales/gcse-specification-template)

Revision materials can be found at: [Resource WJEC Educational Resources Website](https://www.wjec.co.uk/resources)

Supporting Home Learning

- Independent research will improve pupil's ability to complete the non-exam assessments.
- Regular revision will enable pupils to embed their knowledge and ensure familiarity with the different question types.

Progression Routes & Careers

There are many types of career options within this field including –

Specialise in a particular area such as occupational therapy

Provide direct care as a care worker or personal assistant

Help provide the essential support in a care home (administration, catering or maintenance)

Work with people to find solutions as a social worker.

Contact for help: **Staff number**