



Health and Social Care - Preparing to Work - HS202

This course is aimed at young people who wish to work in the rewarding Social Care sector. The course focuses on improving your knowledge and practical work placement skills may help you find work within the sector.

COURSE DETAILS

This Level 2 Certificate is vocationally based and includes topics such as:

- Role of the Social Care Worker
- Duty of Care
- Person-Centred Planning

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) to study at this level.
- If you have a beginner/Introductory qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) you can study at this level.
- Entry requirements for Level 2 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry — we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.

Satisfactory DBS.

If you haven't yet achieved a grade 4 in English or maths, you'll continue studying these subjects — they are key skills that will support your success in learning, work and everyday life. If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies.

To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required:

- Uniform
- Disclosure and Barring Service Check Certificate

If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans>

Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

You will be assessed by assignments and workbooks. These assignments may include practical activities on placement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work placement for this qualification is a compulsory part of this course. All students will be subject to a DBS Disclosure and Barring Service (formally CRB) check.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C (grade 4 or above) in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

This course and work placement should give you a head start in finding employment in the Health and Social Care sector, or obtaining an Apprenticeship in this field. The knowledge gained will be recognised by employers and Apprenticeship frameworks.

You may progress onto one of our Level 3 Health and Social Care programmes or onto an Advanced Apprenticeship programme with the Skills for Health Academy.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	HS202-25	

If you are aged 16-18:

This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

If you are aged 19 or over:

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 15th September, 2025 and may be subject to change.