

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)**Qualification Number: 501/1813/4****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF) is appropriate for learners who want to work in the health and social care sector in England, and also for workers who have just started work in the sector. The qualification gives learners the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding related to working in an adult social care environment.

This qualification is based on the Health and Social Care National Occupational Standards as defined by Skills for Care and Development, the Sector Skills Council. It is nationally accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

Skills for Care and Development recognise this qualification as the knowledge component for the Advanced Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care in England.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification comprises 21 credits and has a minimum of 190 guided learning hours.

All the content of this qualification relates directly to the knowledge and understanding needed to work in adult care.

Learners will complete nine mandatory units in the following subjects:

- Principles of Safeguarding and Protection in Health and Social Care
- Understand the Role of the Social Care Worker
- Principles of Communication in Adult Social Care Settings
- Principles of Personal Development in Adult Social Care Settings
- Principles of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion in Adult Social Care settings
- Principles for Implementing Duty of Care in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Understand Person-centred Approaches in Adult Social Care Settings
- Understand Health and Safety in Social Care Settings
- Understand how to Handle Information in Social Care Settings

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will undertake assessments devised by their centres. Onscreen multiple choice tests devised by Pearson are also available for some of the units.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards. Learners do not need any prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification. This qualification can be taken as preparation for employment as well as underpinning knowledge for those interested in specialising in care.

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care is approved to be offered in England only.

This qualification offers an engaging programme for learners who have decided that they are going to begin a career in the health and social care sector. They may wish to extend their programme through

the study of a related GCSE, a complementary NVQ, apprenticeship or other related vocational or personal and social development qualification.

For adult learners, this qualification can extend knowledge and understanding of work in a particular part of the health and social care sector. It is suitable for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment following a career break.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who achieve the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care can progress on to employment in Health and Social Care in the various pathways available:

They could also progress to related vocational qualifications, for example:

- Pearson Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) (500/9465/8)
- Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care (England)
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF) (500/9501/8)
- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care (England) (QCF) (601/6113/9)

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is highly valued and supported by employers within the Health and Social Care sector and Skills for Care and Development the Sector Skills Council.