

Pearson Edexcel Level 2 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support (QCF)

Qualification Number: 501/1765/8

What is the purpose of this qualification?

This qualification has been developed in collaboration with Skills for Health and is based on the National Occupational Standards for Health. It is nationally recognised and is accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework.

This qualification confirms competence for clinical healthcare support workers or healthcare assistants and enables them to assist healthcare professionals in diagnosing, treating and caring for patients.

The qualification can be taken on its own or as part of the Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health (Clinical Healthcare Support).

What does this qualification cover?

All the content of the qualification, mandatory and optional, relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to work in clinical healthcare support.

Learners must complete mandatory units covering personal development, communication, health and safety, equality and inclusion, safeguarding, person centred approaches, handling information, infection control, duty of care and the role of the health and social care worker. They will then select optional units to the value of 21 credits from a wide range of units including health promotion, quality standards, service improvement, dementia awareness, mental health, blood donation, testing blood samples, decontamination, pain management, therapy and end of life care.

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will compile a portfolio of evidence demonstrating how they are meeting the required standard in the workplace. They will be observed at work by qualified assessors who themselves are competent in clinical healthcare support. Learners will also be asked questions, either written or verbal, in order to assess their knowledge and understanding.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards. It has been designed for those working as clinical healthcare support workers or healthcare assistants in a variety of healthcare settings including hospital departments, community clinics or health centres, patients' homes, care homes or GP clinics.

Although this qualification is part of the Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health (Clinical Healthcare Support), some learners may need or wish to take the qualification on its own, for example, learners who work on a part-time or voluntary basis.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners could progress on to the following qualifications:

- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support Services (QCF)
- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support (QCF)

Learners may ultimately progress on to higher level qualifications in order to become Assistant Practitioners, or on to degree programmes such as Nursing in order to register as a professional.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by NHS Foundation Trusts throughout England.