

**Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)****Qualification Number: 501/1607/1****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF) is for learners who work in, or who want to work in the Health and Social Care Sector. The qualification gives learners the opportunity to: develop and demonstrate competence in Health and Social Care, develop technical skills and knowledge and understanding related to the specified job roles in Health and Social Care such as:

- Personal Assistants
- Domiciliary Care Workers
- Support and Outreach Workers
- Health Care Assistants
- Clinical Support Workers

Working within the NHS, private health care or social care providers, local authorities and voluntary organisations

**What does this qualification cover?**

This qualification is accredited by Ofqual, it is nationally recognised and was developed to meet the requirements of the sector for the above named roles.

The qualification comprises of 58 credits and has a minimum of 312 guided learning hours.

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

The qualification confirms occupational competence.

Learners will complete nine mandatory units in the following subjects:

- Promote Communication in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Engage in Personal Development in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Promote Equality and Inclusion in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Principles for Implementing Duty of Care in Health, Social Care Or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Principles of Safeguarding and Protection in Health and Social Care
- The Role of the Health and Social Care Worker
- Promote Person Centred Approaches in Health and Social Care
- Promote and Implement Health and Safety in Health and Social Care
- Promote Good Practice in Handling Information in Health and Social Care Settings

The wide range of optional units available will allow learners to cover job/role specific pathways such as General Care, Dementia and Learning Disabilities.

**How is the qualification assessed?**

Learners will be assessed via a portfolio of evidence

**Who could take this qualification?**

This qualification is appropriate for learners who are 16-18 and 19+.

No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification. Potential learners should have a suitable level of physical fitness and ability to perform

some aspects of the job roles. These may, for example, involve assisting in moving and handling of people. Learners should be also willing to undergo a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service formerly known as CRB-Criminal Records Bureau) check

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.

Although this qualification is part of the Advanced Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care, 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 who achieve the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England will have confirmed occupational competence in the adult care sector. Learners may be able to progress onto further learning such as:

- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care (England) 601/6113/9
- Pearson Edexcel Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England) 601/4438/5

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by Skills for Care the UK sector skills council for social care, children, early years and young people.

This qualification is highly valued and supported by employers within the Health and Social Care sector such as:

- Marie Curie
- Boars Tye
- Branksome Care
- Brandon Trust