

Pearson BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care (England)**Qualification Number: 601/6113/9****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Pearson BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care has been specifically designed for learners who work in the health and social care in adult settings and want to develop their skills and knowledge in order to demonstrate competence in a range of roles such as:

- Community care/Support officers
- Community care/ Support officers (office based)
- Social care assessors
- Care assessment officers
- Community care assessment officers
- Social services officers
- Social care assistant
- Social work assistant
- Brokerage workers
- OT assistant
- Occupational assessment officer
- Physiotherapy assistant
- Rehabilitation and re-ablement assistant
- Independence support assistant
- Re-ablement support workers/ officer
- Telecare assistant
- Assistive technology co-ordinator/officer

This qualification does not currently form part of an Apprenticeship programme.

All the content of the qualification, mandatory and optional, relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to work in adult care.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is accredited by Ofqual as being stand alone, it is nationally recognised and was developed to meet the requirements of the sector for the 'Community Care Officer' roles

The qualification is 70 credits and a minimum of 479 guided learning hours, to achieve this, 36 credits must be achieved from the units in the mandatory group, a minimum of 6 credits from the optional units in group A and a minimum of 28 credits from the optional units in group B.

The qualification covers a range of subjects related to the skills and knowledge required to work with adults in the health and social care sector.

Mandatory subjects covered are:

- Advanced communication skills
- Personal development in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- Equality and diversity in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- Understanding safeguarding and protection in health and social care settings
- Facilitate person centred assessment to support wellbeing of individuals
- Facilitate support planning to ensure positive outcomes for individuals and to support well being
- Understand personalization in care and support services
- Health and safety in and social care settings
- Professional practice in health and social care for adults or children and young people

- Develop, maintain and use records and reports
- Working in partnership in health and social care or children and young people's settings
- Safeguard children and young people who are present in the adult social care sector

The wide range of optional units available will allow learners to cover job/ role specific subjects such as:

- Understand the process and experience of dementia
- Diabetes awareness
- Understand the impact of acquired brain injury on individuals
- Support individuals to access and manage direct payments
- Assess the needs of carers and families
- Promote assistive technology in social care
- Promote awareness of sensory loss
- Support individuals to access education, training or employment

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will be assessed via a portfolio of evidence

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 18 and above who work in health and social care in adult settings and who want to develop skills and knowledge in order to demonstrate their competence in their role. There are no formal entry requirements, but learning providers must ensure that learners have the skills, potential and the opportunity to successfully gain the qualification.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification will enable learners to confirm occupational competence in a range of roles within the adult care sector. Learners may be able to progress onto further learning such as the Pearson Edexcel Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young people's Services (England) QCF (601/4438/5)

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been supported by the following Employers:

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