

Unit 27: Anatomy and Physiology: The Digestive System

Level:	2
Unit type:	Optional (General)
Credit value:	1
Guided learning hours:	8

Unit summary

This unit aims to give learners an understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, common diseases affecting the digestive system and the range of healthcare science services used in the diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of diseases of this system.

Unit assessment requirements

Assessment tasks and activities must enable learners to produce valid, sufficient, authentic, and appropriate evidence that relates directly to the learning outcomes and assessment criteria of the unit. Suitable forms of evidence for this unit include:

- written tasks such as reports, articles for journals, newsletters, leaflets, posters
- workbooks, work logbooks or learner diaries
- written or oral presentations
- projects
- oral question and answer.

Observation records should not be used as the primary evidence of achievement for this unit, but can be used to supplement the more appropriate forms of evidence listed above or to provide sector contextualisation or evidence of how the learner has applied knowledge within their job role.

When devising the assessment activities, centres need to look closely at the verb used in each assessment criterion to ensure that learners can provide evidence with sufficient breadth and depth to meet the requirements. Centres need to produce assessment briefs for learners with clear instructions of what they are required to do.

Additional information

For AC2.1, common diseases and symptoms affecting the digestive system include:

- Acid Reflux
- Cirrhosis
- Coeliac Disease
- Constipation
- Crohn's Disease
- Gastritis
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
- Indigestion
- Peptic Ulcers
- Vomiting.

Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

To pass this unit, learners need to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria outline the requirements that the learner is expected to meet to achieve the learning outcomes and the unit.

Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria		Evidence type	Portfolio reference	Date
1	Understand the anatomy and function of the digestive system	1.1	Describe the structure of the digestive system			
		1.2	Describe the functions of the digestive system			
		1.3	Explain the differences between chemical and mechanical digestion			
		1.4	Describe how diet contributes to health and digestion			
2	Understand terms used to describe common symptoms/diseases affecting the digestive system	2.1	Describe common diseases and the symptoms affecting the digestive system			
3	Understand the range of healthcare science services and their role in the diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring of diseases of the digestive system	3.1	Describe a range of routine tests undertaken by healthcare science services during the diagnosis, treatment and/or monitoring of diseases of the digestive system			

Learner name: _____

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Assessor signature: _____

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Internal verifier signature: _____

Date: _____

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