

# Qualifications in Health and Social Care: what path to take?



## How do you like to learn?

A mixture of academic and hands-on	On the job Hands on learning	In the classroom Theory, and investigation
<b>Vocational qualifications</b>	<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<b>Academic qualifications</b>

## Level 2

<b>Vocational:</b> An introduction to the sector - full time over 1 or 2 years Assessment: exams, projects, presentations and practical tasks; work placement hours required in some optional units. <u>BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First in Health and Social Care</u>	<b>Apprenticeship:</b> Learning in the workplace. Usually 1-1.5 years Assessment: Professional Development Portfolio and End Point Assessment (EPA). <u>Adult Care Worker</u> <u>Healthcare Support worker</u> <u>Healthcare Science Assistant</u>
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## Success at level 2!

## Level 3

<b>Vocational</b> Full time 1-2 years. Assessment: external assessment, practical and written tasks, presentations. Work Placement is mandatory in the larger sizes. <u>BTEC Level 3 National in Health and Social care/Health Studies Pathway RQF</u>	<b>Apprenticeship:</b> Working and learning in the workplace, usually 2 years long. Assessment via Professional Practice Portfolio and EPA. <u>Lead Adult Care Worker</u> <u>Senior Healthcare Support Worker</u>	<b>Academic:</b> Full time study. two years. Assessment: usually coursework and external assessment. <u>A Levels</u>
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## Success at level 3!

## Level 4

<b>Vocational:</b> Equivalent to 1st year of a degree, Part time or full time; equivalent to 1st year of a degree. Provides academic and practical skills for employment or further study. Assessment: projects, presentations, practical tasks; work placement hours required. <u>Higher National Certificate in Healthcare Practice</u> <u>Higher National Certificate in Social and Community Work</u>	<b>Apprenticeship:</b> Usually takes 2 years. Assessment via Professional Practice Portfolio, Multi Source Feedback Exercises and EPA. <u>Healthcare Science Associate</u>
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## Success at level 4!

## Level 5

<b>Vocational</b> Part time or full time. Assessed via projects, presentations and practical tasks, work placement hours required. <u>Higher National Diploma in Healthcare Practice</u> <u>Higher National Diploma in Social and Community Work</u>	<b>Apprenticeship:</b> Typically take 18 months. Detailed knowledge and understanding of the sector, enhanced skills training. Assessed via Professional Development Portfolio and EPA. <u>Leader in Adult Care Healthcare Assistant Practitioner</u>	<b>Academic:</b> <b>Foundation Degree:</b> Full or part time. Develop knowledge and technical skills for a particular job or profession. Typically takes between two and four years. <u>Foundation degree advice</u>
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## Success at level 5!

## Level 6

<b>Academic:</b> <b>Foundation Degree:</b> Full or part time. Develop knowledge and technical skills for a particular job or profession. Typically takes between two and four years. <u>Foundation degree advice</u>
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## Success at level 6!

## Study at Level 7

<b>Apprenticeship:</b> Level 6 and Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship: combine working with studying part time at university (3-6 Years). Assessed via coursework and EPA. <u>Health and Science Apprenticeships Care Services</u>	<b>Academic:</b> Master's Degree; focus on a particular subject in greater detail. Full or part time (2-4 years). Typically assessed via practical assignments, essays, presentations, portfolios, degree shows and a thesis. <u>Postgraduate Study</u>
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## Success at level 6!

## Study at Level 8

<b>Academic:</b> PhD: full or part time (3-6 years). Assessed via a thesis of independent research worthy of publication and an oral discussion with question and answer session with experts. <u>Postgraduate Study</u>
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## Success at level 8!



## Employment

Depending on the level you study at, there are all kinds of careers you can go into, including:

Nurse  
Midwife  
Paramedic  
Social worker

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