

Qualification Description

T Level Technical Qualification in Health

T Levels are new qualifications that follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. T Levels will combine classroom theory and practical learning, and are made up of the following:

Technical Qualification: the substantial component of your course.

Industry placement: of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days) with an employer to make sure you have authentic experience of the workplace.

The Technical Qualification is the main classroom-based element of the T Level. During your two-year course, you will learn the core knowledge that underpins the sector, and you will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow you to enter skilled employment within a specific occupation.

This T Level Technical Qualification has been developed in collaboration with employers, so the content meets the needs of industry and prepares you for work. It will provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to skilled employment, an apprenticeship or higher-level study.

What is the health industry?

The healthcare sector is the largest employer in England with approximately 1.5 million people employed across various services including ambulance, community, mental health, hospital services, commissioning roles, and central bodies such as NHS England. The industry currently has an 8% vacancy rate, most notably in the regulated professions roles, including nursing and allied health professions such as physiotherapists and occupational therapists, making it a priority area for workforce growth In England.

Who is this Technical Qualification for?

This Technical Qualification can only be taken as part of a T Level course and is not available as a standalone qualification. It is for post-16 students who are intending to progress directly to employment in a variety of healthcare teams in roles such as a support worker or senior healthcare support worker, or to a healthcare apprenticeship, or to further studies in the health care sector.

What does the Technical Qualification cover?

The content is split into a Core Component that has been created for this T Level Technical Qualification in Health, an Occupational Specialism Core - Supporting Healthcare, and a choice of five Occupational Specialisms, which are:







- Supporting the Adult Nursing Team
- Supporting the Midwifery Team
- Supporting the Mental Health Team
- Supporting the Care of Children and Young People
- Supporting the Therapy Teams

The Core Component provides a broad understanding of the healthcare industry and covers the following nine topics:

The healthcare sector

Health, safety and environmental regulations in the health sector

Managing personal information and data within the health sector

Good scientific and clinical practice

Providing person- centred care

Health and wellbeing

Safeguarding

Core science concepts

Further science concepts in health

The Core Component will be assessed by two exams and an Employer Set Project.



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Your occupational specialism will allow you to develop the relevant skills in preparation for your career in the healthcare sector. The occupational specialism is assessed by synoptic assessments comprising task-based assignments, as outlined below:

assignment 1 – (case study assessment (CSA))

assignment 2 – (practical activity assessment (PAA) core)

assignment 2 – (practical activity assessment (PAA) option)

assignment 3 – (professional discussion assessment (PDA))

As part of this Technical Qualification, you will also enhance your broader skills in literacy and numeracy, which will be valuable in supporting progression in other areas. In addition, you will develop transferable technical and practical skills in communication (working with colleagues and individuals with health and support needs), person-centred -care, team working, research and presenting your work, providing you with an opportunity to demonstrate your reflective practice by suggesting ways to improve your own practice.

What could this Technical Qualification lead to?

Achieving this Technical Qualification will provide several progression options. These include:

Skilled employment:

Community support worker, Maternity support worker, Mental health support worker, Support Worker, Senior healthcare support worker, Rehabilitation Worker

A Level 3 Apprenticeship in:

Ambulance Support Worker

Lead Adult Care Worker

Higher level study:

Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ). Like T Levels, HTQs are developed in consultation with employers. They are qualifications at levels 4 and 5 and prepare you for occupations at these levels.

Pearson HTQs you can progress to from the T Level in Health:

BTEC Higher Nationals in Health and Social Care Practice







Degree- related programmes:

BTEC Higher Nationals in Healthcare Professions' Support

Degree programmes could include: Adult Nursing

Mental Health Nursing

Midwifery

Child Nursing

Careful consideration of the content of any course prior to selection is key, as course titles may not accurately reflect the content. The healthcare sector is continually evolving and developing, and degrees are subject to annual review and adaptation, students are advised to look out for new elements and options which may develop during the course.

Specific entry requirements vary, depending on the focus of the course.

It is essential you check entry requirements with universities or colleges.

Who supports this Technical Qualification?

This Technical Qualification has been developed in collaboration with several stakeholders:

NHS Trusts







Further information

Further information about this Technical Qualification can be accessed at: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/t-levels.html

Pearson is authorised by the Department for Education to design and deliver the Technical Qualification.

For further information on the other components please see the DfE website at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/introduction-of-t-levels/introduction-of-t-levels

