

Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry Diploma in Social Care

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Health & Social Care
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Course Code	AFP-HS3D-1200

Course Overview

This Level 3 qualification equips students with the knowledge, understanding, and practical skills needed to work confidently and competently in a variety of social care settings.

Through a series of mandatory units, students will develop a strong foundation in key areas of social care practice, including person-centred support, safety and wellbeing, and professional responsibilities. The qualification is designed to strengthen both theoretical understanding and hands-on skills, preparing learners for roles within the social care sector or for progression into further study.

Course Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (including English and/or maths).

What You Will Learn

Develop the skills and confidence to deliver safe, person-centred care across the social care sector. You will explore communication, safeguarding, care planning, equality and rights, mental health, teamwork, and infection control-alongside core insights from psychology, sociology, anatomy and end-of-life care.

Put your learning into action through an external work placement in real settings such as residential care, supported living, community services, day centres, and clinical environments.

Assessment

Internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

Progression

Employment, higher apprenticeship or university

Career Options

Students can progress directly into roles such as:

Care Worker
Personal Assistant
Community Support Worker
Outreach Worker
Activities Coordinator

These roles exist across diverse settings, from residential care and supported living to community services and outreach support.

This qualification also creates a strong pathway into higher education, including degrees in:

Social Care
Health Care
Nursing
Social Work
Counselling

Whether you choose to enter the workforce or continue studying, you will be prepared with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.

Mandatory Units

Working in social care
Equality, diversity, dignity and rights in social care
Duty of care
Communication in social care
The care and support planning process
Person-centred approaches and risk assessments
Values and behaviours
Advocacy in social care
Safeguarding in social care
Mental health and wellbeing
Health and safety in social care
Prevention and control of infection
Personal and professional development
Working with others
Research in social care
Good practice in social care
Psychology in social care
Sociology of Health and illness
Understanding anatomy and physiology
End of life care

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