HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE – Cambridge National Certificate.

What qualification does this course lead to?
The course has been developed to give learners the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of the health and social care sector. Achievement at Level 2 provides a suitable foundation for further study within the sector, supporting progression on to other vocational qualifications at Level 3, such as the OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma in Health and Social Care along with other GCE A levels, e.g. Psychology, Biology etc.

What topics will I study?
You will study 4 units:

- ✓ R021 – Essential values of care for use with individuals in care settings.
- ✓ R022 – Communicating and working with individuals in health, social care and early years settings.
- ✓ R023 – Understanding body systems and disorders.
- ✓ R029 – Understanding the nutrients needed for good health.

What understanding and skills will I develop?
You will develop your organisational skills and your ability to research information on a varied range of topics. The course provides a strong vocational emphasis within the programme of study.

How will I learn/ how will I be taught?
The qualification offers an approach based on the learners taking on the role of being employed within the health and social care sectors (by way of scenarios). Teaching strategies reflect the nature of the work within the health and social care professions, using a series of assignments and activities encouraging learners to take responsibility and ownership for their learning. You need to be self-motivated to benefit from this course.

How will I be assessed?
You will sit an examination on R021. The three other units are assessed through coursework by a visiting external moderator. Each unit is equally weighted.

What can this course lead on to?
The qualification will give you the knowledge, understanding and competency needed when considering entering employment in the health and social care sector. You will gain grounding in the essential skills and broad fundamentals crucial to this area of study, giving you the opportunity to build on these afterwards by undertaking another Level 2 qualification, or to progress to a qualification at Level 3, or to enter into your first job within this sector.

Employment opportunities
Following completion of the Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care, successful candidates would be able to enter initial employment, at a junior level, in a range of health and social care settings, e.g. a nursery nurse apprenticeship.

Further vocational and academic qualifications
If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care course, it is possible for you to progress to a higher level qualification such as the OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care. You may choose to study further and progress onto higher education and pursue careers such as nursing, social work, occupational health and primary education.

Who do I need to contact for more information?
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