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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 3 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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