

## Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry Diploma in Social Care

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Health & Social Care
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFP-HS3D-1200

### Course Overview

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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

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4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (including English and/or maths).

### What You Will Learn

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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

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Internally assessed and externally quality assured portfolio of evidence.

## Progression

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Employment, higher apprenticeship or university

## Career Options

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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

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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

## Contact Details

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