

SUBJECT: Society, Health and Development

QUALIFICATION: Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development

QUALIFICATION LEVEL: Level 3

QUALIFICATION TYPE: Advanced Diploma

AWARDING BODY: Edexcel

CATEGORY: Health and Social Care

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN): 500/28121

DESCRIPTION

Society, Health and development covers some of the most important sectors in the UK. It is important because it is about the care and development of the people who live around us. This diploma gives you the opportunity to explore the four main sectors (health, adult social services, community justice, and children's services). As well as developing a sound knowledge base of these areas, you will also study functional skills (English, ICT and mathematics) and identify and develop your personal, learning and thinking skills that are transferable to both employment and higher education.

This course has been developed in line with employers and incorporates at least 20 days work placement in two or more sectors.

To obtain the Advanced Diploma you are also required to study another subject of your choice at AS and A2 level.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Over two years you will develop understanding of the four sectors in the following modules:

1. **The sectors in context:** Focuses on the political, social and economic factors that affect the four sectors today
2. **Principles and values in practice:** The values and principles that underpin and inform the practice of everyone across the sectors. It puts the person using the service at the centre of provision
3. **Partnership working:** New work practices mean that services work much more closely together to ensure the quality, greater flexibility and more efficient use of resources for service provision and support. For example, in family centres, there will be people from social services, health and the children's services all working to ensure quality and integrated services for children and families
4. **Communication and information sharing:** Good communication is crucial to people working across the sectors. What are the barriers to

good communication, how can they be overcome and are there tensions between good communication and sharing information with other professionals and respecting the privacy of individuals?

5. **Personal and professional development in the work environment:** Being able to reflect on own practice is a critical aspect of professional development - what did you do well, what can be improved, how can you improve your practice?
6. **Safeguarding and protecting individuals and society:** People are often working with the most vulnerable people in society. It is important to understand what needs to be done to ensure that people are kept safe.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You must have at least 5 GCSEs grade A*-C, including Maths and English.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Over two years, you will complete 6 modules of principle learning, four of which are assessed by coursework, the remaining two are assessed by external exam, as are the functional skills. You will be responsible also for identifying and recording your personal learning and thinking skills in a log book and also preparing an extended project of your choice.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Schools, colleges and employers are working together to provide the most suitable environment for each stage and topic of learning. So your learning will take place with a local employer as well as in school and college settings. This enables you to link classroom practice to real life situations. It will be your responsible to arrange transport to and from these places, and you will therefore need to pay for your own transport costs.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

You might not know what you want to do when you're older, but the diploma has been designed to increase your options. There's a whole range of jobs, roles and occupations the SHD could lead you to. Here are just a few of them:

Adult care worker	Art therapist	Children's nurse
Children's social worker	Counsellor	Community safety warden
Dietician	Educational psychologist	Healthcare assistant
Nurse	Nursery nurse	Occupational therapist
Pharmacy technician	Play worker	Police Community Support Officer

Probation officer	Prosthetics designer	Speech therapist
Victim support worker	Youth offending team worker	Youth worker

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://shd.skillsforhealth.org.uk/>

http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/subjects/Society_Health_Development/index.cfm

http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/Files/subject_documents/24006944_Diploma_LoL_SHD_LR.pdf

www.connexions-direct.com