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NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care (England)

OVERVIEW

What is the primary purpose of the qualification?

The primary purpose of the qualification is to give learners the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge, understanding and skills required to be a Lead Adult Care Worker in an Adult Care setting.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is for learners who want to help vulnerable adults with their care and support needs so that they can live as independently and safely as possible. Adult care settings include day care centres, residential and nursing homes, domiciliary care day centres, clinical healthcare settings or in the personal homes of adult individuals requiring care.

Learners may be seeking learning to progress from their current role as a Healthcare Assistant, Support Worker or Adult Care Worker.

This qualification is also a mandatory requirement in the Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard.

What prior qualifications/levels of attainment does a learner need to take this qualification?

This qualification is available to learners aged **16** years or older.

Learners may have completed the Level 2 Diploma in Care (England) prior to undertaking this qualification.

Apprentices on the Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard must have Level 2 English and maths prior to completing the Apprenticeship.

What is the content of the qualification?

This qualification should support learners to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills in the following mandatory areas:

- Communication in Care Settings
- Personal Development in Care Settings
- Equality and Inclusion in Care Settings
- Duty of Care in Care Settings

- Safeguarding and Protection in Care Settings
- Responsibilities of a Care Worker
- Person-Centred Approaches in Care Settings
- Health, Safety and Wellbeing in Care Settings
- Effective Handling of Information in Care Settings
- Required Values and Behaviours

There is also a wide range of optional units from dementia care, diabetes, end of life care, learning disabilities, multiple conditions and disabilities, sensory loss, stroke care, mental health, substance misuse, clinical skills, different aspects of support for families and carers to leadership skills.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment?

Qualification holders may gain employment as a Lead Adult Care Worker or with additional training, progress onto a role with additional responsibility such as a Lead Practitioner or Lead Personal Assistant.

Will the qualification support progression to further learning?

The qualification should enable learners to progress onto the Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care or the Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

The NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care (England) replaces the NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England. It is a 58-credit qualification that is recognised nationally by Ofqual and is a mandatory requirement within the Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship Standard.

Alternatively, learners may study a Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support which gives learners the knowledge, understanding and practical skills for a variety of roles in the healthcare support environment, for example Adult Nursing Support, Maternity Support and Physiotherapy Support. The Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support is a mandatory requirement for the Apprenticeship Standard for Senior Healthcare Support Worker (SHCSW).

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

This qualification has been reviewed and supported by the Sector Skills Council, Skills for Care. Employers supporting the qualification as part of the Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship standard include:



Woodford Homecare, Anchor, Barchester Healthcare, CareTech, Central Bedfordshire Council, Creative Support, Hand in Hands, Hendra Healthcare (Ludlow) Limited, Hertfordshire County Council, Surrey County Council, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, West of England Centre for Inclusive Living (WECIL).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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