



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SINGLE AND DOUBLE AWARD AS/A2

### Advanced General Certificate of Education (AGCE)

#### WHY ADVANCED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

The Health and Social Care course provides students with a sound foundation for a career in the allied caring services or as a spring board into further education. The modules of work are designed to develop employment related skills. The course aims to give students foundation knowledge on legislations, policies and procedures within the Health and Social sector. It covers a diverse selection of topics from Sociology and Psychology to Biology to incorporate all aspects of health and development.

The course prepares students for a range of careers in Health and Social Care contexts such as:

Community Work  
Social Work

Health Services  
Welfare Work

Housing Services  
Primary Education

#### **Progression**

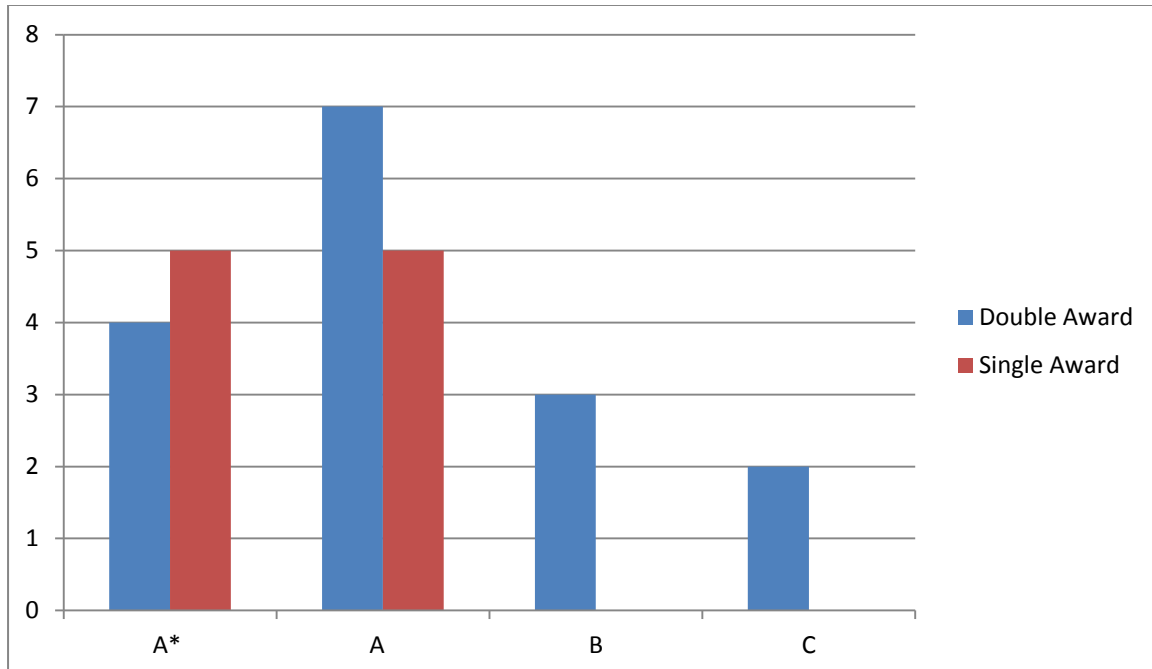
Progression through the Advanced GCE either a single or double award, may provide a suitable foundation for study of the subject, or related subjects, in further and higher education in relating the Social Work, Primary Education, Nursing or any Health and Social Care professions.

#### **SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 6 GCSEs (Grades A\* - C)
- Grade C in English Language, Mathematics and Science



## Examination Results 2011



## COURSE DETAILS

OCR Syllabus: H503

**SINGLE AWARD** You will study six Units as follows:

### **AS: Promoting Quality Care (*Exam*)**

In this unit you will learn about how attitudes and prejudices can affect the care service including: how the law protects rights, how to access services, care values, safe working practices, charters and organisational policies and how they protect health, social care and early years practitioners.

### **AS: Communication in Care Settings (*Internally assessed*)**

In this unit you will investigate the different types of communication skills used in care settings and their purpose. This will include oral, non-verbal, written, computerised and any special methods used in the care settings. You will also find out how effective communication values individuals and promotes health and well-being.



## **AS: Promoting Good Health (*Internally assessed*)**

This unit investigates the range of lifestyle choices and societal factors which influence health and well-being. You will investigate the ways in which ill-health can be prevented and the health-promotion methods that are used by health and social care practitioners. You will develop an understanding of the attitudes and prejudices which influence individual's health and wellbeing.

## **A2: Care Practice and Provision (*Internally assessed*)**

It is important for all workers in the health, social care and early-years care and education services to understand their role in meeting individual needs and how working in multi-disciplinary teams can support their work. Health care professionals also need to understand the importance of quality assurance in raising the standard of care provided and how national policy and legislation affects service provision locally.

## **A2: Understanding Human Development (*Exam*)**

This unit provides a broad understanding into factors that influence the development of individuals. Emphasis is placed on genetic, environmental and social influences on development. It also provides an understanding of how major influences and theories can be used in care settings to interpret human behaviour. This enables care workers to help service users on a day-to-day basis

## **A2: Child Development (*Internally assessed*)**

This unit enables you to investigate the development of children from birth to eight years and to consider the influences that can affect their development. You will apply theory to help you with your understanding of child development. A learning aid will be designed to assist with the child's development

**DOUBLE AWARD** You will complete all single award units as above plus another six units as follows:

## **AS: Health and Safety in Care Settings (*Exam*)**

You will learn about the influence of current legislation on safe practice in care settings; safety and security; safe moving and handling techniques; contribution to infection control and first aid.

## **AS: Health as a Lifestyle Choice (*Internally assessed*)**

This unit enables you to explore health as a lifestyle choice for individuals at all life-stages. You will study the nutritional value of food and the dietary requirements of individuals from diverse backgrounds throughout their various life-stages. You will learn about current dietary guidelines. You will also investigate the way that exercise can have a positive effect on a person during different life-stages. You will explore different types of physical activity and the way they can affect the physical, mental and social health of individuals and the concepts involved in devising an appropriate exercise programme for an individual.



## **AS: Caring for People with Additional Needs (*Internally assessed*)**

This unit considers common causes of disability, sensory impairment and learning difficulties. The seven steps of the care management process is investigated and different types of assessments for people with additional needs. It examines the support needed and the models and approaches of disability. Additional barriers to services will be explored and a profile produced of a service user with additional needs.

## **A2: Mental-Health Issues (*Internally assessed*)**

This unit explores the concepts, types, causes and images of mental health, and the influence the media has on society's perception and treatment of individuals with mental-health needs. This unit also examines how service users with mental-health needs are supported by professionals. The role of legislation in relation to service users with mental-health needs is also explored.

## **A2: Social Trends (*Exam*)**

This unit develops skills in analysing demographic data to understand social trends that will affect the family and individuals. The family is seen as the most important unit of social organisation, responsible for the health and social welfare of individuals. Evidence suggests that the family is changing, and British society is now characterised by family diversity. This unit focuses upon analysing secondary sources of data to explore the social trends of the changing family structure, including the increase in the rates of divorce, remarriage and cohabitation. It also examines the provision of health and social care services available to support families and individuals.

## **A2: Research Methods in Health and Social Care (*Internally assessed*)**

In this unit, you will select a topic that is relevant to a health or social care or early-years setting and design and carry out a small-scale research project based on your own research question or hypothesis. You will present your findings in the form of a report.