

N5 HEALTH SECTOR



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The National 5 Course is designed as an introduction to the health sector. It is an ideal course for pupils who have gained a National 4 or N5 Units in Biology and are looking to find out how to apply their skills and knowledge in the workplace. It is also suitable for direct entry for any pupil who has gained a National 4 or 5 in any Science and would prefer to continue with Science but not to move on to Higher level.

The emphasis of this Course is to prepare candidates for working in the health sector and develop employability skills valued by employers. Candidates will develop a range of knowledge and skills required in this vocational area and investigate a range of job roles and career opportunities as well as participating in a job interview.

Candidates will also develop a wide range of skills, including research and self-evaluation skills. Emphasis throughout all Units is on the employability skills and attitudes which will help prepare candidates for the workplace.

The Health Sector is one of the largest employers in the country and provides employment opportunities through a varied range of disciplines. Primary and secondary care in the NHS are the most common routes to employment, but this course will cover other areas such as complementary therapies, the retail pharmaceutical industry and the community and voluntary sectors.

The sector offers good opportunities for those who enjoy:

- working in a team
- solving problems
- learning about fitness and health

AREAS OF STUDY/COURSE STRUCTURE

The Skills for Work Course in Health Sector at SCQF level 5 consists of five mandatory Units:

- Working in the Health Sector
- Life Sciences Industry and the Health Sector
- Improving Health and Well-being
- Physiology of the Cardiovascular System
- Working in Non Clinical Roles

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Candidates would normally be expected to have achieved a National 4 in Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

ASSESSMENT

There is no exam for this course. Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities and unit assessments.

FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES

- A one year full time National Certificate (NC) or National Qualification (NQ) in Health Sector at a local college of further education.
- A Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare
- A Modern Apprenticeship in the Health sector
- Access to Nursing Course
- SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare
- Nursing Degree

FUTURE CAREERS

- Ambulance care assistant
- Care assistant or support worker
- Emergency call handler
- Dietician
- Radiographer support worker
- Theatre support worker
- Auxiliary nurse