

# Health and Social Care FdSc



This foundation degree in Health and Social Care develops the knowledge and skills sought by employers across the spectrum of health and social care.

The course is suitable for anyone working or wanting to work with individuals, families and groups in a range of health and social care settings, including working with children or young people, vulnerable adults, older people, individuals with disabilities or chronic disease and people with mental health problems.

It is a recognised qualification in its own right, contributing to personal and career development and has been developed with the support of local employers. This course has a strong vocational focus and prepares you for work in the health and social care sectors, both statutory and non-statutory.

The degree can be studied full-time over two years. The taught component of the course will normally be delivered on one day a week across two semesters per year.

## Course Features and Benefits

- Attendance at the University for a minimum of one day per week
- A commitment to individual study and completion of course work and assignments
- 25% of the course will be achieved through working in a relevant practice environment
- Designed for personal and career development in health and social care sectors
- Support from experienced staff from a range of professional health and social care backgrounds

## UCAS code

UCAS is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry onto full-time undergraduate courses in Higher Education in the UK.

## Health and Social Care FdSc L511-, B, FdSc/HSC

This course is run in partnership with [Halesowen College](#) (B).

For the latest information, check the UCAS website at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Study options

Taught at the University of Worcester, Herefordshire College of Technology and Halesowen College

A significant component of the course consists of work-based learning. Applicants who are not currently employed in an environment working in a health or social care setting will need to secure a placement in a suitable setting; equating to one day a week for the duration of the course or 200 hours in each year

Flexible programme to meet learning needs for specific contexts or service user groups

# Get in touch

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60 UCAS tariff points.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited for interview.

Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure check required.

APL awarded for Registered Managers Award.

## Modules

A selection of modules:

Introduction to Study Skills

Interpersonal Skills & Therapeutic Communication

Understanding Health

Improving Service Quality

Politics, Policy & Empowerment

Values, Attitudes & Inequalities

Theory into Practice

Work-based Learning

Social Research Methodologies, Methods & Processes

Team Working & Enabling Others

Applied Biology for Care Practice

Managing Health Conditions

Literature Review Module

## Assessment

The course builds on existing knowledge and experience and to further develop specific knowledge, skills and values relevant to the current and emerging needs of employment in health and social care. It will enable you to assess, plan, implement and make sound judgements in effective care delivery in accordance with the core values of health and social care work.

You will explore and debate issues arising from the social, cultural, moral, legal and political context of health and social care work. You will develop your interpersonal and communication skills and will be encouraged to identify, use and communicate relevant information effectively.

You learn to locate and evaluate evidence and research and apply this in your practice and decision making in health and social care.

The course will also focus on your personal and professional development and provides opportunities for you to develop your study skills, meet your own learning needs and to develop and practice key skills in preparation for employment, further study and lifelong learning.

### Assessment

The course is designed to develop knowledge and skills for health and social care. Therefore a variety of teaching, learning and assessment approaches will be used and will emphasise the relationship between theory and real life issues and experiences in practice. These include a wide variety of assessment types, including coursework assignments, reflective practice and portfolio work, project work, individual and group presentations, case studies, reports and practical assessment.

Students who are not employed in a suitable health & social care setting will need to find a work-placement for one day a week for the duration of the course.

## Sarah Cowper

Student, Health and Social Care FdSc

"I've really enjoyed the course and living and studying at University of Worcester's small, friendly campus. The work placement is a real highlight of the course- I worked with people with disabilities at Worcestershire Lifestyles, which was very rewarding. I want to combine my love of horse riding and health care by working in horse riding therapy."

## Academic department

### [Institute of Health and Society](#)

"The University is a leading innovator in the fields of health and social care. Unique appointments such as the UK's first professors of perinatal education and tissue viability demonstrate our commitment to research excellence."

Louise Jones, Head of Institute

## Employability

Graduates can expect greater employability and enhanced promotion prospects. There will be opportunities open to you in health and care sectors, voluntary and private organisations.

The focus of health and social care can be very diverse and the Foundation degree will support future employment in a range of settings and with different client groups, for example:

Working with individuals

Working with a variety of service user groups, e.g. older people, people with learning disabilities, people with acute illness, long-term and chronic illness or requiring intermediate care

Working in hospitals, community, residential and private care facilities

Personal care

Care management

Alternatively, you may choose to go onto further study at degree level. On completion, you are eligible to apply for direct entry to the third year of the Undergraduate Modular Scheme at the University of Worcester on the Social Welfare BA (Hons) and health related Top-up degrees.

## Health & Society News

- [\*\*University's Health Leader Takes on Two Influential Roles - Tuesday, 22 May 2012\*\*](#)

The Head of the University of Worcester's Institute of Health and Society has been appointed to two important external roles.

- [\*\*Nursing Students Receive Vital Training in Working with People Living with Dementia - Wednesday, 25 April 2012\*\*](#)

First year nursing students at the University of Worcester are to take part in a one-day conference about working with people living with dementia.

- [\*\*Student Nurses Walk Five Miles Between University and Hospital for Cancer Research UK - Monday, 23 April 2012\*\*](#)

Seven student nurses from the University of Worcester undertook a five mile charity walk after being inspired by their studies.

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