

# COURSE INFORMATION



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## Foundation Degree Health & Social Care

<b>Subject:</b>	Health & Social Care
<b>Type:</b>	Foundation Degree
<b>Course Code:</b>	APH312T/HM1
<b>Attendance:</b>	Full Time
<b>Location:</b>	Taunton
<b>Awarding body:</b>	The Open University

### Description

Whether experienced in the health and social care sector or not, this popular 2-year Foundation Degree will develop your skills and knowledge of social care through a blend of work-based learning and classroom teaching. This course provides you with a sound and critical understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice, as well as the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment. You will also learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services.

In Year 2 alongside your degree studies, you can be assessed against the National Occupational Standards, culminating in the achievement of a Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care if you do not already hold this qualification. If you already possess a Level 3 vocationally-related qualification you may choose to undertake alternative assessed CPD units.

The modules studied may include:

- Social Policy
- Interpersonal Skills and Communication Strategies
- Applied Human Development
- Values, Morals and Ethics
- Managing Care Settings
- Mental Health and Wellbeing

Read the Course Handbook [here](#).

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Regulations for validated awards of The Open University and the Appendices can be found here.

### **Teaching and Assessment**

Assessment is largely via coursework, tests of knowledge and understanding, and written assignments such as reflective essays, project reports and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of short lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

### **Career Progression**

On completion of the Foundation Degree you may decide to top-up to the full BA (Hons) at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, the qualification will open up a variety of career paths in the health and social care sectors and give you the potential to work in a managerial or supervisory capacity.

### **Entry Requirements**

Typically entrants will possess:

- 64 UCAS points at AS/A2 Level (minimum 32 points at A2 level)OR• BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MPP (Extended), MM (Diploma), DM (90 Credit Diploma)OR• Access to HE course in a relevant subject area

You will be required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing any work placement.

Mature students who do not meet these formal entry requirements are welcome to apply if they can evidence their interest, relevant experience and knowledge in the field of study.

A formal interview will be required.

### **Costs**

£8200