

COURSE INFORMATION



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Part of Bridgwater & Taunton College

BA (Hons) Health & Social Care

Subject:	Health & Social Care
Type:	Bachelors Degree
Course Code:	APH309T/HM1
Attendance:	Full Time
Location:	Taunton
Awarding body:	The Open University

Description

Whether experienced in the health and social care sector or not, this popular Honours Degree will develop your skills and knowledge of social care through a blend of work-based learning and classroom teaching. This Degree 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 learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services; and gain the critical and analytical skills that underpin evidence-based practice.

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 don't 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:

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

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, written assignments, reflective essays, project reports and presentations. Teaching sessions take the form of lectures, supervised discussions, small group work and guest speakers. This course is delivered on-site each week across the academic year.

Career Progression

This course opens up a variety of graduate career paths in the health and social care sectors, and gives you the potential to work in a managerial or supervisory capacity. You could become a Registered Manager in a children's or adult setting, a Family Support Worker, Residential Care Worker in children and adult services, Youth Worker, Learning Support Worker or Assistant Social Worker. Post-graduate qualifications such as a PGCE or social work are also a possibility.

Entry Requirements

Typically entrants will possess:

- 80 UCAS points• or BTEC Qualifications (QCF) MMP (Extended), DM (Diploma), D*D (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.