

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE QUALIFICATIONS

## *Summary brochure*

With the demographics in the UK changing rapidly and the population living longer, the health and social care sectors will experience huge growth over the next few years. For those wishing to work in these sectors, our qualifications provide a solid foundation of knowledge, practical skills and experience.



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## ***Qualifications for the UK's biggest employment sector***

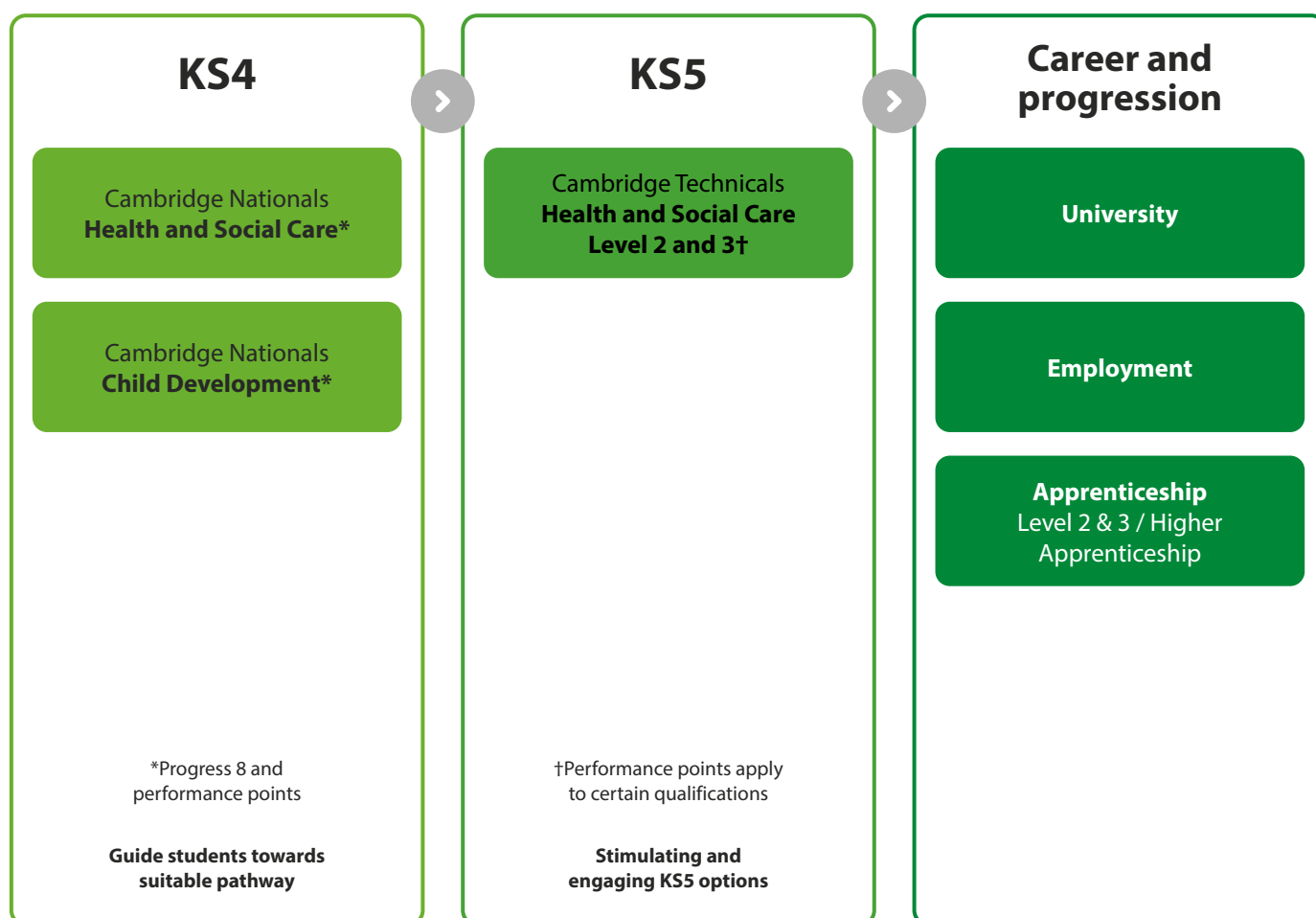
The health and social care sector employs vast numbers of people across the country, within a varied range of job roles. In fact, it's the biggest employment sector in the UK and includes elements of the NHS, local authority adult and child care services, and a range of independent providers that provide care in a range of settings. Our qualifications for this sector are the high quality, vocational Cambridge Nationals and Cambridge Technicals.

**Cambridge Nationals** are for 14 to 16 years old. We've designed them to allow students the freedom to explore more deeply the things that interest them. The teaching of the qualifications will normally be through practical work, learning skills and how to do things that may be relevant to the world of work.

**Cambridge Technicals** are created for students aged 16+ in either school or Further Education. A high-quality alternative to A Levels, they enable you to provide qualifications that are fit for purpose, right for your student's destination, and accessible for their needs. Read more about Cambridge Technicals on page 7.

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# PATHWAYS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE





# CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



## KEY INFORMATION

### SPECIFICATION CODE:

Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Health and Social Care (120 GLH) – J835

### IDEAL FOR:

Students aged 14 to 16 years

### PROGRESS TO:

A Levels, apprenticeships or further advanced vocational qualifications at Level 3, such as our Cambridge Technicals

### FINAL AWARD:

- Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit or Pass at Level 2
- Distinction, Merit or Pass at Level 1

### PERFORMANCE POINTS:

To be confirmed. We have submitted for inclusion on 2024 performance tables and expect the list of qualifications included on 2024 performance tables in autumn 2021

## THE QUALIFICATION

Offering an effective introduction to the health and social care sector, this qualification looks at the role the sector plays in the health, wellbeing and care of individuals. It also introduces students to knowledge and skills needed to work in various care settings.

Underpinning the qualification is a focus on person-centred values, rights of individuals, communicating effectively and protecting individuals. Also, supporting individuals through life events and the option to plan and deliver a creative activity or a health promotion campaign.

The qualification is designed to help students learn practical skills that can be applied to real-life contexts and work situations, to think creatively, analytically, logically and critically and develop independence and confidence in using skills that would be relevant to the health and social care sector and more widely.

## ASSESSMENT

Our Level 1 / Level 2 Cambridge National Certificate in Health and Social Care consists of two mandatory units and one optional unit from a choice of two. The externally assessed unit makes up 40% of the qualification.

## READ MORE:

[ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/health-and-social-care-level-1-2-j835](https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/health-and-social-care-level-1-2-j835)



# CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT



## KEY INFORMATION

### **SPECIFICATION CODE:**

Level 1/Level 2 Cambridge National in Child Development (120 GLH) – J809

### **IDEAL FOR:**

Students aged 14 to 16 years

### **PROGRESS TO:**

A Levels, apprenticeships or further advanced vocational qualifications at Level 3, such as our Cambridge Technicals

### **FINAL AWARD:**

- Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit or Pass at Level 2
- Distinction, Merit or Pass at Level 1

### **PERFORMANCE POINTS:**

To be confirmed. We have submitted for inclusion on 2024 performance tables and expect the list of qualifications included on 2024 performance tables in autumn 2021

## THE QUALIFICATION

Our Cambridge National in Child Development will inspire and equip students with independence and confidence in using skills that are relevant to the childcare sector and more widely. It covers all aspects of child development, from pre-conception to five years, as well as providing safe and nurturing environments.

## ASSESSMENT

Students study three mandatory topics:

- Health and well-being for child development
- Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years
- Understand the development of a child from one to five years.

The first unit underpins all the other learning in this qualification. Students develop essential knowledge of pre-conception health and reproduction, antenatal care and preparation for birth, postnatal checks, postnatal care and the conditions for development and childhood illnesses and a child safe environment.

In the second unit, students gain knowledge of childhood accidents and accident prevention and choosing suitable equipment for a childcare setting. They'll also explore the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years.

In the third unit, students look at the development norms from one to five years and the stages and benefits of play. They'll use observation, research techniques and skills to investigate these development norms and explore their findings.

## READ MORE:

[ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/child-development-level-1-2-j809](https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/child-development-level-1-2-j809)







# CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

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## ABOUT CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications at Level 2 and Level 3 for students **aged 16+**. They're designed with the workplace and progression to higher education in mind and provide a high-quality alternative to A Levels at level 3. Qualifications at levels 2 and 3 have a mixture of internal and external assessments and centres are allocated a visiting moderator.

## KEY INFORMATION

### SPECIFICATION CODES:

Health and Social Care Level 3 (2016) Certificate/  
Extended Certificate/Foundation Diploma/Diploma/  
Extended Diploma – 05830–05833, 05871

Health and Social Care Level 3 (2012) Certificate/  
Introductory Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Diploma/  
Extended Diploma – 05307, 05309, 05312, 05315, 05318

**Note:** Health and Social Care Level 3 (2012) Introductory  
Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Diploma/Extended  
Diploma will be defunded in England from August 2020

### PERFORMANCE POINTS:

All Health and Social Care Level 3 (2016) qualifications  
are eligible for Key Stage 5 performance points

### IDEAL FOR:

Students aged 16+

### PROGRESS TO:

Higher education, apprenticeships, employment

### UCAS POINTS:

Level 3 qualifications receive UCAS tariff points

## LEVEL 3

Our Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care qualifications help your students to achieve their potential and progress to the next stage of their lives, whether that's higher education, an apprenticeship or employment.

We've consulted with universities, employers and industry specialists to make sure your students will gain the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the 21st century.

An extensive range of centre assessed units with practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, as well as examined units on: Equality, diversity and rights; Health, safety and security; Anatomy and physiology; Personalisation and person centered approach; Safeguarding and Research methods, has resulted in focused qualifications. Depending on the size chosen, these qualifications can either complement a Key Stage 5 study programme alongside other vocational qualifications or A Levels, or may make up the bulk of a two-year study programme. Our Diplomas have vocational pathways within them that students can follow (one pathway must be achieved).

### READ MORE:

[ocr.org.uk/cambridgetechnicals](https://ocr.org.uk/cambridgetechnicals)





# CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

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## KEY INFORMATION

### **SPECIFICATION CODES:**

Health and Social Care Level 2 (2016) Award\*/Certificate/  
Diploma – 05890, 05880, 05881

Health and Social Care Level 2 (2012) Certificate/  
Extended Certificate/Diploma – 05300, 05302, 05305

### **PERFORMANCE POINTS:**

Health and Social Care Level 2 (2016) Certificate/  
Diploma – 05880, 05881 are eligible for Key Stage 5  
performance points

\*Health and Social Care Level 2 (2016) Award – 05880 is  
not eligible for Key Stage 5 performance points

### **IDEAL FOR:**

Students aged 16+

### **PROGRESS TO:**

Level 3, apprenticeships, employment

## LEVEL 2

Our Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care qualifications aim to develop your students' professional and personal skills through interaction with people who either work in the sector or require care or support, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin their skills. Your students will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses. Students will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting health and social care. Designed in collaboration with industry experts, the qualifications focus on the requirements that today's employers demand.

Thanks to a broad range of centre assessed units with practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, as well as examined units on Principles of working in health, social care and childcare; and Health and safety in practice, these are focused qualifications. There are also job role-specific pathways for your students to choose from.

### **READ MORE:**

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# SUPPORTING YOU IN QUALIFICATION DELIVERY

Our aim is to support you on your journey with us from initial enquiry right through to results. To help you get going, support you through delivery and allow you to develop professionally, we provide a massive range of support to help secure your students' futures.



## SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

### EXPERT SUBJECT ADVICE

Our subject advisors provide information and support to schools, including specification and non-exam assessment advice, updates on resource developments and a range of training opportunities. You can reach them through our customer support centre on **01223 553998** or by email at **vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk**

You can also find teacher support at **ocr.org.uk/healthandsocialcare**

### TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

- **Lesson elements**  
Task sheets and accompanying instructions for some of the activities in the delivery guide.
- **Skills guides**  
A range of generic skills guides providing knowledge and tips covering topics such as communication, research skills and exam techniques.
- **Teacher and delivery guides**  
A range of lesson ideas with associated activities that you can use with students to deliver the contents of the qualifications.
- **Transition guides**
- **Rule of combination calculator**
- **Project delivery resource**

### SAMPLE LEARNER WORK

We've created sample learner work across the majority of our qualifications that will support you in understanding the expectations of the mark schemes.

### PARTNER RESOURCES AND TEXTBOOKS

Our health and social care qualifications are supported by endorsed textbooks and resources published by leading publishers. You can find more details about our publisher partners and the resources they're providing at **ocr.org.uk/publishing-partners**

### BLOGS

Read our blogs and gain interesting insights from our subject advisors and other leading figures from the world of education.

### KEEP UP TO DATE

Sign up today at **ocr.org.uk/signup** for OCR updates including subject news, upcoming events and useful resources.



## ASSESSMENT

### ACTIVE RESULTS

This is a **free** online A Level, GCSE and Cambridge Nationals results analysis service to help you review the performance of individual students or your whole school. Active Results provides access to detailed results data, enabling more comprehensive analysis of results to give you a more accurate measure of the achievements of your centre and students. Find out more at [ocr.org.uk/activeresults](https://ocr.org.uk/activeresults)

### ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

Sample question papers and sample candidate work.

### EXAMBUILDER

A **free** online mock assessment service for Cambridge Nationals and Technicals. It draws on historical past papers to simulate a real examination and gives students the opportunity to practise and build up confidence. [ocr.org.uk/exambuilder](https://ocr.org.uk/exambuilder)

### PAST PAPERS

Previous examination papers for each subject with which you and your students can practise.

### PROGRESS TRACKER

An Excel-based tracking tool to help you monitor students' progress throughout the qualification.

### INITIAL ASSESSMENT (FUNCTIONAL SKILLS)

This **free** paper-based tool helps you profile your students' starting point. You can access it through [interchange.ocr.org.uk](https://interchange.ocr.org.uk) – our secure website for centres, which offers a variety of useful services and valuable resources.

### PRACTICE PAPERS

Create mock exams and help students get a clearer picture of the qualification requirements. We put all our practice papers through exactly the same long and detailed processes as the live papers to ensure that they match the style and rigour of the live assessments.

### CANDIDATE EXEMPLARS

A selection of candidate style answers and work with associated examiner commentary.

### MODEL ASSIGNMENTS

Model assignments provide a scenario and set of tasks that enable you to assess your students against the requirements specified in the grading criteria.

## TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND EVENTS

All our qualifications are supported with comprehensive training. Check out [ocr.org.uk/professionaldevelopment](https://ocr.org.uk/professionaldevelopment) to find out what's available for face-to-face or online training courses.

### TEACHER NETWORKS

These free informal twilight meetings are designed to encourage and develop local networking and support for health and social care in your area. They're an opportunity to speak with like-minded colleagues and one of our subject advisors. Contact [vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk](mailto:vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk) to find a meeting near you.





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# NEXT STEPS

## STEP 1

**ALREADY AN OCR CENTRE?**

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TEAM ON 02476 856072**

## STEP 2

**DOWNLOAD  
THE SPECIFICATION  
AND CHECK OUT OUR  
RANGE OF RESOURCES**

## STEP 3

**KEEP UP-TO-DATE  
BY SIGNING UP FOR  
EMAIL UPDATES**

## STEP 4

**BOOK ONTO PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT EVENTS  
AND TEACHER NETWORKS**

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