

## Health, Social Care and Early Years

Level 3 National Certificate

Level 3 National Diploma

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

### Mandatory Units

- Unit 1 Working to quality practice in care settings
- Unit 2 Working with service users in care settings
- Unit 3 Behavioural awareness in care
- Unit 4 Applied practical care in settings

### Introduction

The OCR Nationals have been designed to provide candidates with high quality, industry-recognised qualifications geared to the specific requirements of key sectors.

The OCR Level 3 National Certificate, National Diploma and National Extended Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years have been developed to recognise candidates' skills, knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector and the settings, job roles, principles and values involved. They accredit candidates' abilities to carry out a range of tasks and have been designed to accredit candidates' achievements in a modern, practical way that is relevant to the workplace.

The OCR Level 3 National Certificate, National Diploma and National Extended Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years are qualifications that have been accredited by QCDA to the National Qualifications Framework.

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# Unit content

## Mandatory units

- Unit 1 Working to quality practice in care settings
- Unit 2 Working with service users in care settings
- Unit 3 Behavioural awareness in care
- Unit 4 Applied practical care in settings

## Optional units

### Non-specialist units

- Unit 5 Advanced first aid and health and safety
- Unit 6 Applied nutrition and dietetics for service users
- Unit 7 Introduction to counselling skills
- Unit 8 Coping with stress in care environments
- Unit 9 Creative activities for groups in care settings
- Unit 10 Behavioural psychology in health, social care and early years settings
- Unit 11 Career planning for the health, social care and early years sector
- Unit 12 Work experience in health, social care and early years settings

### Health specialist pathway

- Unit 13 Mental health awareness
- Unit 14 Understanding medical aspects of health
- Unit 15 Complementary approaches to care
- Unit 16 Anatomy and physiology for health and care
- Unit 17 Health education and promotion

### Social Care specialist pathway

- Unit 18 Care in the community
- Unit 19 Working with older service users
- Unit 20 Working with people with disabilities
- Unit 21 Developing skills for care assistants
- Unit 22 Developing skills for voluntary work

### Early Years Care and Education specialist pathway

- Unit 23 Working with children in educational settings
- Unit 24 Working in early years care and education settings
- Unit 25 Child development
- Unit 26 Investigating child protection services
- Unit 27 Developing skills to care for babies

# Approval and funding

The OCR Level 3 National Certificate, National Diploma and National Extended Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years have been accredited at Level 3 of the National Qualifications Framework and are eligible for funding under the Learning and Skills Council's Section 96/97 arrangements.

\* Only one of the units 11 and 12 will count towards a full award

\*\*\* A maximum of six non-specialist units may be taken

# Qualification structure

Candidates can be entered for the OCR Level 3 National Certificate, National Diploma and National Extended Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years in a variety of ways:

- For the full qualification
- For an individual unit

**For the OCR Level 3 National Certificate in Health, Social Care and Early Years**, candidates **must** achieve the four mandatory units and two optional units.\*

**For the OCR Level 3 National Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years**, candidates **must** achieve the four mandatory units and complete eight optional units.\*\*

**For the OCR Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years**, candidates **must** achieve the four mandatory units and complete fourteen optional units.\*\*\*

Where candidates have gained Distinction and/or Merit grades for some units in the Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma, they may still achieve a full qualification even if they have failed one or two optional units. Further details of the compensation that applies to these awards can be found in the Centre Handbook.

**For candidates attempting individual units**, unit achievement will be individually certificated.

# Specialist pathways in the National Diploma

If a candidate achieves a minimum Pass grade for at least four of the eight optional units from any one specialist pathway, the National Diploma will be endorsed with the pathway specialism.

To achieve an **OCR Level 3 National Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years (Health)**, candidates must achieve:

- four mandatory units
- at least four optional units from Units 13-17
- up to four different optional units.

To achieve an **OCR Level 3 National Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years (Social Care)**, candidates must achieve:

- four mandatory units
- at least four optional units from Units 18-22
- up to four different optional units.

\*\* A maximum of five non-specialist units may be taken

To achieve an **OCR Level 3 National Diploma in Health, Social Care and Early Years (Early Years Care and Education)**, candidates must achieve:

- four mandatory units
- at least four optional units from Units 23-27
- up to four different optional units.

## Form of assessment

All units are centre-assessed and externally moderated by an OCR Visiting Moderator. All units are graded: Pass, Merit, Distinction, Fail.

**Full award certificates will be graded: Pass, Merit, Distinction.**

## Progression routes

### Progression into employment

These qualifications are designed to offer candidates the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding that will prepare them for entry into employment at trainee level within a wide range of health, social care and early years care and education environments. Many such candidates would undertake further part-time study with the support of their employer.

### Progression to further qualifications

These qualifications have been designed to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding required to enable progression to further qualifications.

Candidates who achieve these qualifications will be prepared to enter a variety of HND or degree level courses in health, social care and early years care-related subjects.

## Qualification support

**The Centre Handbook** offers centres a comprehensive guide to the structure and administration of these qualifications.

**Our website, [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)**, contains all the most up-to-date and relevant information about the qualifications. This includes the Centre Handbook and OCR Model Assignments (for specific units).

**OCR runs regular programmes of training workshops** for tutors to help centres maintain best practice in their delivery of these qualifications. For more details contact OCR Training on 024 76 496398.

If in doubt over any aspect of the specifications, assessment or administration for these qualifications, please contact

OCR's Customer Contact Centre in Coventry where staff will help. Telephone 024 76 851509.

## Fees

Centre approval	Free
Candidate entry	For current fees consult the OCR Fees List (A250)

## What to do next?

To seek approval to offer the qualification(s), please apply on-line following the step-by-step guide to applying for approval for vocational qualifications indicated on our 'Centre Approval' webpage.

You might be interested to know that OCR staff are available to help with any aspect of setting up a vocational assessment centre. Through an advisory telephone call or a centre visit, we can assist, not only with the completion of the form, but also provide advice on the following areas:

- identifying potential candidates and marketing opportunities
- meeting OCR requirements
- identifying resourcing levels, both in terms of staff and equipment
- the documents you might need for the benefit of the candidates and a smooth running centre operation

For further information, please get in touch with our **Customer Contact Centre** by phone: **(024 7685 1509)**; email: **[vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk](mailto:vocational.qualifications@ocr.org.uk)**; or in writing: **OCR Customer Contact Centre, OCR, Westwood Way, Coventry, CV4 8JQ.**

A summary of how the approval process works is provided in our **Admin Guide for Vocational Qualifications** (publication ref. code: A850). Our **Fees List** contains the charges for centre evaluation, candidate entries and certification. Both documents are available to download from our website **[www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)**

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