

## What is the course about?

This two-year course is equivalent to three A Levels and fully prepares students for a range of health and social care careers, university programmes and apprenticeship roles.

The course will cover a range of topics to prepare students to work within a health and social care sector. With a mix of classroom learning and industry placement, students will develop a range of specialist skills, knowledge and behaviours that will help them to stand out in future.

## Why should I choose the course?

In addition to the knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin study of the health and social care sector, this qualification gives learners experience of the breadth and depth that will prepare them for further study in the sector.

As a mandatory part of the course, students will complete a minimum of 175 hours industry placement.

## What will I learn?

In year 1, students will study eight mandatory units:

- Anatomy and physiology for health and social care
- Human lifespan development
- Working in health and social care
- Meeting individual care and support needs
- Principles of safe practice in health and social care
- Enquiries into current research in health and social care
- Promoting public health
- Industry placement within the health and social care sector.

In year 2, students will study five of the following units:

- Sociological perspectives
- Psychological perspectives
- Supporting individuals with additional needs
- Nutritional health
- Caring for individuals with dementia
- Assessing children's development support needs.



## What will the course lead on to?

The students will be able to progress on to a job role within the health and social care sector or on to study at university in one of the following degrees:

- BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- BA (Hons) in Social Work
- BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy
- BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy
- BSc (Hons) in Speech Therapy
- BA (Hons) in Health and Social Care.

## Are there any links with industry and university?

Our Health & Social Care Academy has excellent links with employers, universities and community organisations including hospitals, care homes and primary schools, providing you with a valuable insight into the working world. Students have completed placements with the NHS, St. Rocco's Hospice and Catalyst Choices, learning from professionals whilst developing their practical skills.

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

This course is delivered by our expert teachers and is designed in collaboration with industry and employers. It is delivered within our state-of-the-art Health and Social Care Academy, with all the very latest industry relevant facilities, equipment and emerging technologies. This includes a hospital ward, medical equipment and medical simulation technology that allows you to perform medical procedures. We also have a purpose-built assisted living flat that can be used to develop the skills you would require to work in community care.

The unique blend of classroom delivery and industry placement will fully prepare you for your next steps, whether that be into highly skilled employment, higher education or onto an apprenticeship.

## What are the entry requirements?

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and/or maths, or you will have needed to have successfully completed a Level 2 course and have GCSE English and/or maths at grade 4 or above. If you have not already



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achieved a grade 4 in your either your GCSE English or maths and you wish to study at Level 3, you will be required to work towards GCSE English or maths as part of your qualification.

## Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

You will be required to wear a uniform, this costs approx £70.

As part of the course we may undertake trips and visits that could cost approx. £200



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