

ST MARY'S COLLEGE



INTRODUCTION

This suite of course provides an excellent preparation for anyone interested in the caring profession. There are four possible outcomes.

- A single Award AS GCE(3 units), or
- A double award AS GCE (6 units)
- A single award A level GCE (6 units), or
- A double award A level GCE (12 units)

This brings the qualification into line with all other AS and A level courses at the College and students may take one or two AS courses and one or two A level courses in Health and Social Care.

- Each AS or A2 course comprises 3 units of study and will occupy one teaching block of 4 x 1 hr 10 min periods.
- One unit of the three for each AS qualification will be externally assessed and one unit of the three for each A2 qualification assessed. The remainder will be internally assessed and externally moderated.

SINGLE AS (NORMALLY COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR)

Content

Module	Assessment
Unit 1 – Human Growth & Development. Aspects of growth and development throughout the different life stages, including factors that can influence growth.	Written Examination 1 hour and 30 mins
Unit 2 – Communication & Values. This unit looks at the importance of communication in care settings and the values involved in care.	Coursework
Unit 3 – Positive Care Environments. This unit looks at the responsibilities that organisations and society have to protect and safeguard the rights of those who are vulnerable, through formal policy and legislation..	Coursework

DOUBLE AS (NORMALLY COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR)

Content As for single AS Plus

Module	Assessment
Unit 4 – Social Aspects and Lifestyle Choices. This unit explores the different lifestyle choices people make, and the life course events they experience that affect their health and well-being.	Written Examination 1 hour 30 mins
Unit 5. In this unit you will investigate activities in health and care settings, including practical experience and skills in choosing planning, implementing and evaluating activities for service users.	Coursework
Unit 6. This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of current public health issues, policies and practices in the UK.	Coursework

How is the course delivered?

A range of teaching, learning and assessment styles are provided to motivate and empower learners to take charge of their own learning and development, in order to achieve their full potential.

Entry requirements

Five C grades or above at GCSE, or an Intermediate Level qualification in Health and Social Care or equivalent.



What skills and interests do I need?

- Students should be genuinely interested in acquiring knowledge and understanding of health and early years care and education.
- Students must be prepared to produce the written assignment work (which accounts for two thirds of the course), with support from course teachers and adhere to completion deadlines.
- Be able to carry out independent research using the Learning Resource Centre, internet and other sources in order to obtain information for assignment work.
- Be prepared for lessons by bringing appropriate materials including course file, pens, paper etc.

How is the course assessed?

Assessment on non-examination units is by completion of structured assignments. These are set and marked by the course teachers and externally moderated by exam board moderations. Examination units are taken in January and June. The marks for the three modules (Single AS) or six units for the (Double AS) are combined to give the overall grade.

SINGLE A2 (NORMALLY ONE YEAR)

Content

Module	Assessment
Unit 7 – Meeting Individual Needs Learners will be asked to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of how individuals' needs are met within social care settings.	Written Examination 1 hour 30 mins
Unit 8 – Promoting Health & Well-being You will find out why health promotion campaigns are carried out, and how topics and target groups are identified.	Coursework
Unit 9 – Investigating Disease In this unit you will learn about the disease process and will carry out an individual investigation into various aspects of two diseases.	Coursework

DOUBLE A2 (NORMALLY ONE YEAR)

Content As for single A2 plus

Module	Assessment
Unit 10 – Using and Understanding Research This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of research methods and the research process.	Coursework
Unit 11 – Social Issues and Welfare Needs The knowledge you will gain from this unit will help you to understand the variety of social issues and welfare needs and how those impact on the service users in different health and social care settings.	Coursework
Unit 12 – Understanding Human Behaviour This unit will help you understand influences on behaviour and how theories of behaviour can be used in health and social care practice to make sense of the way people behave, think and feel.	Written Examination 1 hour 30 mins

Entry Requirements

Passes at AS

Progression routes

Health and Social Care AS and A level passes are acceptable qualifications for university courses in a variety of subject area. For example, Health and Social Care courses are good preparation for Nursing Degrees and Diplomas but students can also use the qualification for entry to Early Years Teaching, Social Work and many degree courses in subjects such as Criminology, Childhood Studies, Behavioural Science and Psychology.



For further information please contact Jane Tose.

Full specifications can be found at www.edexcel.org.uk

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