OVERVIEW

• What does this qualification cover?

This qualification covers a range of topics directly related to the knowledge and skills needed to operate as a senior healthcare assistant or domiciliary care key worker in a range of settings, from community and residential to NHS settings.

There are three mandatory units:

- Understanding own roles, responsibilities and accountability when working in health and care settings
- Understanding support for individuals with acute and chronic conditions in health and care settings
- Understanding the principles of leadership within an integrated workforce approach to health and care provision

All learners will cover the mandatory units and then will select six units from the optional group, allowing them to tailor their learning and acquire specific knowledge and skills, appropriate to the needs of their work setting.

The optional units cover the following topics:

- Undertaking tissue viability risk assessments
- Obtaining and test capillary blood samples
- Supporting individuals using technologies in health and care settings
- Dementia awareness
- Supporting urinary continence management and catheter care in health and care settings
- Supporting individuals to manage own healthcare activities
- Undertaking physiological measurements
- Obtaining venous blood samples
- Performing routine electrocardiograph procedures
- Supporting individuals at the end of life
- Undertaking stoma care
- Undertaking treatments and dressings of lesions and wounds
- Carrying out extended feeding techniques in health and care settings
- Removing wound closure materials
- Administration and management of medication in health and care settings
- Contributing to the care of a deceased person
The mandatory units will provide learners with around 40% of the vocational skill and knowledge needed for this qualification. The optional units will provide around 60%.

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- Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is specifically designed for learners already working in healthcare or domiciliary care who need to develop clinical skills and knowledge required for supporting those individuals they care for and for supporting registered healthcare workers in their settings.

The qualification is suitable for learners who are at least 18 years of age.

**WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?**

This qualification will enable learners to confirm their occupational competence in their job role in relation to clinical skills in a specific area. They could be employed as:

- key worker in domiciliary care services
- senior healthcare assistant
- complex care key worker
- re-enablement care worker

Learners may progress in their employment role or may wish to consider further learning after completion. They may be interested in the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diplomas in Clinical Healthcare Support and related Apprenticeships

**WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?**

This qualification is supported by the following employers:

- Cornwall Care
- Walnut Care
- Wayahead Care
- Yeovil Hospital
- Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals