Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Allied Health Profession Support (4223-14), (QAN no: 501/1785/3). This is a Technical Level qualification.

This Level 3 Diploma in Allied Health Profession Support will give you the understanding and practical skills required to work in a range of allied health profession support roles such as physiotherapy support worker or an occupational therapy support worker.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is for learners who work or want to work as an Allied Health Support Worker assisting professionals in one of a variety of areas such as speech therapy, hydrotherapy or occupational therapy.

It is suitable for learners who may already have a job as Healthcare Assistants in health environments.

What does the qualification cover?

Learners will learn the practical skills to carry out each procedure. Learners will also get knowledge about why things are done this way.

All those taking this qualification will do mandatory units which cover the core learning needed in this industry:

- promote communication in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
- principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care
- promote person centred approaches in health and social care
- the principles of infection prevention and control

The optional units learners study will depend on the type of therapy they are interested in. Some of the optional units are

- assist in implementing treatment programmes for individuals with severely reduced movement/mobility
- implement hydrotherapy programmes for individuals and groups
- deliver exercise sessions to improve individuals’ health and wellbeing
- monitor an individual’s progress in relation to managing their body weight and nutrition
- develop and prepare speech and language therapy resources for alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) use.
What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

The qualification allow learners the opportunity to move into a different role in one of the related therapies such as:

- Physiotherapy Assistant
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Rehabilitation Assistant
- Dietetics Assistant.

If learners wish to progress in to higher education, they could undertake a university degree to specialise in an area of healthcare therapy and become a qualified practitioner, such as:

- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Dietician
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Hydrotherapist