

Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support (4223-11), (QAN no: 501/2236/8). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This Level 3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support focuses on your development in the underlying principles and practical skills required to work competently in clinical healthcare support roles. It is designed to deliver a high level of occupational skills and provide a sound platform from which to progress on to specialist qualifications or an advanced apprenticeship in this area.

<p>Who is this qualification for?</p>	<p>Learners are likely to already have gained a Level 2 qualification in clinical healthcare support or equivalent, and many learners will already be employed as healthcare assistants in health settings.</p> <p>This qualification is for learners who work or want to work as a clinical health support worker.</p>
<p>What does the qualification cover?</p>	<p>A learner successful in this qualification will have acquired the skills and understanding required to provide vital assistance to healthcare professionals in diagnosing, treating and caring for patients. Many are involved in looking after the well-being and comfort of patients. You will also gain some understanding of the related roles in healthcare, as well as the supervisory and management requirements looked for by employers. This will enable you to progress horizontally as well as vertically.</p> <p>The specific skills you will learn will depend on the units you select. A learner studying this qualification will typically receive the required skills and understanding in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting communication • promoting equality and inclusion in health settings • undertaking more specific clinical skills such as assisting in the administration of medication • preventing and controlling infection. <p>The qualification allows you to be able to better understand your own ability for this type of study, which will help if you wish to progress further.</p>
<p>What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?</p>	<p>On completion of this qualification, you can progress on to an apprenticeship in Health (Clinical Healthcare Support) (England), and beyond on to the Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare. Ultimately, to become a qualified practitioner (eg Nurse, Allied Health Practitioner, Healthcare Scientist), you would have to go on to undertake a specific qualification – often a 3-year</p>

university degree – which would enable you to register as a professional.

Learners who complete the Clinical Healthcare Support qualification often continue to work as Clinical Healthcare Support Workers/Healthcare Assistants with delegated responsibility for a range of clinical tasks. They are sometimes given supervision responsibilities of other team members.

Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/Courses-and-Qualifications/health-and-social-care/health/4223-healthcare-and-support-services/level-3>