

Purpose statement

The following purpose statement is for the **City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support (603/2544/6)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
<p>What does this qualification cover?</p>	<p>The Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support is a competence based qualification which means that it covers the knowledge and skill that are required to work in a particular healthcare support role, such as senior healthcare assistant or senior healthcare support worker in health settings. The settings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Nursing Support • Maternity Support • Children and Young People • Theatre Support • Mental Health • Allied Healthcare Profession Therapy Support <p>You will usually work under the direct supervision of a registered health professional such as a registered nurse.</p> <p>This qualification consists of mandatory units covering core knowledge and skills competencies with optional specialisms which can be combined in flexible ways to reflect the real working context of different learners.</p> <p>The mandatory unit content covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person centred approaches • Communication • Personal development • Values and behaviours • Prevention and control of infection • Handling information • Mental health and wellbeing • Responsibilities of the role • Safeguarding • Health and Safety • Equality and diversity • Study Skills <p>There is a wide range of optional units to support you to have your skills and knowledge recognised, assessed and certificated which reflects your competence at work in your own work setting.</p>

The assessment of the qualification mostly takes place in your real work environment whilst you carry out the day to day activities of your job. This means that you are also proving you work to a nationally recognised level at the same time as doing your job.

Occasionally you may be asked to complete a project, assignment or to answer questions which can be assessed outside of your workplace.

In this qualification there is a unit covering Study Skills where you will be required to complete an assignment.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

This qualification is ideal for you if you are working in a healthcare setting and wish to develop your skills and knowledge to a level which demonstrates that you are competent as a Senior Healthcare Support Worker.

Delivery of the qualification can be flexible to meet your needs and assessment usually takes place in your place of work. The qualification is endorsed by Skills for Health and has national recognition. There are other qualifications which you could consider, such as:

- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Health and Care (540) (601/7207/1)

The City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Health and Care (540) (601/7207/1) may suit you if you prefer to learn in a classroom setting and to take part in work experience to learn and practice skills. This qualification does not measure occupational competence and would not be delivered or assessed in the work place.

Alternatives routes to achieve the same outcome?

The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support is a mandatory qualification in the Senior Healthcare Support Worker apprenticeship standard. The qualification is not the only part of the apprenticeship. More details can be found by on our apprenticeships section of the City & Guilds website (www.cityandguilds.com)

How this qualification supports the identified outcome(s)?

The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support (603/2544/6) qualification allows you to learn, develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge required for employment as a Senior Healthcare Support Worker. You can progress to the City & Guilds Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare (600/8667/1) providing you are in an appropriate job role.

Opportunities may also be available to progress to an apprenticeships at Level 5 such as:

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- The Assistant Practitioner in Healthcare
 - The Nursing Associate

Or into higher education programmes, providing all entry requirements are met.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education
Institutions

The City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support (603/2544/6) is endorsed by Skills for Health, the Sector Skills Council for Health in the UK.

Further information

Further information is available on the City & Guilds website **www.cityandguilds.com**
