

National 5 SfW Health Sector (Course Code: C261 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Health Sector?

The Health Sector is one of the largest employers in the country and provides employment opportunities through a varied range of disciplines. Primary and secondary care in the NHS are the most common routes to employment, but this course will cover other areas such as complementary therapies, the retail pharmaceutical industry and the community and voluntary sectors.

The sector offers good opportunities for those who enjoy:

- working in a team
- solving problems
- learning about fitness and health.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Health and Medicine](#)

[Social, Caring and Advisory Services](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college.

What will I study?

The course is made up of five compulsory units, three taking 40 hours and two taking 20 hours of study:

- Working in the Health Sector
- Life Sciences Industry and the Health Sector
- Improving Health and Wellbeing
- Physiology of the Cardiovascular System
- Working in Non Clinical Roles.

You will learn about

- the provision and the services provided by the Health Sector in your local area
- the life sciences industry and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of illness
- the importance of promoting a healthy lifestyle
- the health and safety risks to workers in the Health Sector

- the structure and function of the cardiovascular system
- the range and diversity of careers in non clinical roles in the Health Sector.

Where will I take the course?

You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.

Work experience/placements

You may be able to arrange a related work experience placement by speaking to your pastoral care or guidance teacher in school.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Tutors will observe and keep records of your work.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

You may be able to progress to:

Employment/Training

- A Modern Apprenticeship in the Health sector.

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time National Certificate (NC) or National Qualification (NQ) in Health Sector at a local college of further education.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Health and Medicine
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services