



Health and Social Care - Preparing to Work - J187

This course is aimed at young people who wish to work in the rewarding Social Care sector. The course focuses on improving your knowledge and practical work placement skills may help you find work within the sector.

COURSE DETAILS

This Level 2 Certificate is vocationally based and includes topics such as:

- Role of the Social Care Worker
- Duty of Care
- Person-Centred Planning

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a Study Programme for students who are 16-18 years of age.

To study a Level 2 qualification, you will need:

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 3, including English and Maths (or L1 Functional Skills in English and Maths)

OR

A relevant Level 1 qualification with GCSE English and Maths at grade 3 or above (or L1 Functional Skills in English and Maths)

Satisfactory DBS

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies.

To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required:

- Uniform
- Disclosure and Barring Service Check Certificate

If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans>

Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

You will be assessed by assignments and workbooks. These assignments may include practical activities on placement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work placement for this qualification is a compulsory part of this course. All students will be subject to a DBS Disclosure and Barring Service (formally CRB) check.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C (grade 4 or above) in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

This course and work placement should give you a head start in finding employment in the Health and Social Care sector, or obtaining an Apprenticeship in this field. The knowledge gained will be recognised by employers and Apprenticeship frameworks.

You may progress onto one of our Level 3 Health and Social Care programmes or onto an Advanced Apprenticeship programme with the Skills for Health Academy.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

You could progress to these Wirral Met courses:

- [J023 - Health and Social Care level 2 Diploma](#)
- [J027 - Health and Social Care level 3 Diploma \(90 credit\)](#)

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	J187Q001	

If you are aged 16-18:

This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.

If you are aged 19 or over:

Fee : £420.00

The fee quoted is for the academic year 24/25.

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 03rd July, 2025 and may be subject to change.