



## **QCF Health and Social Care Diploma: Level 3**

### **What is the programme about?**

The new QCF Qualifications are work related qualifications based on your ability to do your job in a given occupational area. To achieve the qualification a learner has to demonstrate their skills in practice and show their knowledge and understanding in what they are doing in order to become competent. Learners will be assessed by a competent and qualified assessor to show achievement against a set of learning outcomes. On completion of these outcomes, a Diploma certificate will be given by an Awarding Organisation.

A level 3 Diploma is suitable for those people working in a senior position in day, residential or supported living services that provide care and support to individuals. The pathway you choose will reflect your service: *Generic, Dementia or Learning Disability* pathway.

### **What are the entry requirements?**

No formal qualifications are necessary, but candidates must be working in care services. For access to any Government funding, learners will be required to complete an eligibility form and an initial assessment test in literacy and numeracy. It is expected that a level 3 learner will have completed prior learning, or a level 2 qualification.

### **How is it taught and assessed?**

The Diplomas will be delivered using a combination of classroom based learning and workplace learning, where evidence will be collected to build a portfolio. You will be allocated an assessor who will observe you at work, ask questions, use professional discussion and ask you to write reflective accounts of activities you do as part of your job.

### **How many units do I complete?**

A level 3 is made up of units, each with a credit value. You will need to complete a required amount of units that add up to a minimum of 58 credits. This will be made up from some mandatory units, care units and option units from your chosen pathway, depending on what type of service you work in: *Generic pathway, learning disability pathway or Dementia pathway.*

Examples of option units include:

- Cause and spread of infection;
- Promote positive behavior;
- Support use of medication;
- Understand the nutrition needs of people with Dementia;
- Facilitate person-centred thinking.

### Progression

This qualification will give the learner skills and knowledge competencies to perform at level 3. This can be built upon to aid further learning and career progression to a level 5 Diploma qualification in leadership or to management qualification in team leading (level 2) or management qualifications at level 2 and 5 and 7.

**Cost:** £1000.00 + VAT. This will include registration and certification with an Awarding Organisation; assessment and verification; e-portfolio license fee and formal training days.

If you are eligible for funding the Diploma will be FREE. Currently there is also funding available via Workforce Development Fund of approximately £80.00 for selected units. Please speak to your employer.



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