

health and social care department

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Health and Social Care is the study of health and well-being. Students learn about the key stages of physical and emotional development and begin to understand the profound influence relationships and life events can have on an individual's health. Students also examine the factors that influence a person's self-concept and how people react to change in their lives. The Health and Social Care Department in Holy Cross College works in partnership with various care settings throughout the community, in order to provide experience of health and social care in different contexts for our students.

Links to other subjects at KS4 and Post-16 – Food & Nutrition; Child Development; Health & Social Care, Personal Development, Employability, Citizenship, Government and Politics, Business Studies.

The following Health and Social Care specifications are offered in Holy Cross College:



KS4



Post-16

GCE Applied Health and Social Care includes a work placement element (in an approved care setting of the student's choice) in Yr13.

Many students with qualifications in Health and Social Care go on to have interesting and successful careers in childcare, nursing, medicine, midwifery, social work, teaching, paramedics, counselling, health-visiting and the allied health professions. In 2013, 66,061 people were directly employed across local health and social care organisations in Northern Ireland; the vast majority (81%) were women. Overall between 2004 and 2013, the Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Workforce increased by 12.3% which means that this is a growth employment sector in Northern Ireland. **Opportunities for employment within the Northern Ireland Health and Social Care sector are broken down as follows:**

OCCUPATIONAL FAMILY

JOB ROLES

Medical and Dental

Consultants; Staff Grade/ Associate Specialists/ Speciality Doctor; Speciality Registrar/ Specialist Registrar/ Foundation Doctor/ Senior House Officer; General Practitioner/ Hospital Practitioner/ Medical Officer/ Dental Officer/ Clinical Grades.

Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting

Acute Nurses, Mental Health Nurses, Learning Disability Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors, District Nurses, Paediatric Nurses, Nurse Support Staff.

Professional and Technical

Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Speech Therapy, Biomedical/Clinical Scientists, Medical Technical Officers/ Assistant Technical Officers, Pharmacy

Social Services

Hospital Social Workers, Elderly Social Workers, Disability Social Workers, Child/ Family Care Social Workers, Learning Disability Social Workers, Mental Health Social Workers, Managers, Social Care Staff, Home Helps

Ambulance

Emergency Medical Technician, Patient Care Services, Paramedic, Rapid Response Vehicle Paramedic, Ambulance Officer, Control Assistant

Administration and Clerical

Administrative and Clerical; Medical Secretaries/ Personal Secretaries/ Typists

Support Services

Catering Services, Domestic Services, Laundry Services/ Sewing Room, Facilities, Driver, Porter/ Orderly, Security/ Caretaker/ Warden, Telephonist

Estate Services

Estates Officer/ Planner/ Estimator, Boilerman/ Plumber, Electrician/ Fitter/ Engineer, Builder/ Joiner/ Labourer/ Painter, Groundsman/Gardener

There are further opportunities for employment within the Early Years Sector which involves working with children ages 0-8 years old in a variety of roles and in a range of health, social or care settings.

Further Careers Information is available from the following website links:

[Working in the NHS](#)

[NHS Careers in the Allied Health Professions](#)

[NHS Careers in Nursing](#)

[NHS Careers in Medicine](#)

[NHS Careers in the Ambulance Service](#)

[NHS Careers in Healthcare Science](#)

[NHS Careers in Dentistry](#)

[Health and Social Care Prospects](#)

[Career Pilot Health and Social Care Jobs](#)

[Health and Social Care Careers – Kent University](#)

[NI Direct Careers in Health and Social Care](#)

[All About Health and Social Care Careers](#)

[The Guardian - Social Care Jobs](#)

[The Guardian – Health and Social Care Jobs](#)

[Health and Social Care Industry Profile](#)

[Health Informatics](#)

[I Want to Work With Children – Kent University](#)

[Community Care Jobs](#)

[A Career in Childcare and Early Years](#)

[Job Roles in Early Years](#)

[Early Years Teaching](#)

Applications to Higher Education

Applied 'A' Levels provide a broad introduction to a single vocational area. Therefore, students who choose GCE Applied Health and Social Care as a post-16 option will demonstrate commitment to and interest in a career within this competitive area of employment, when making university or job applications.

In general, universities in the UK (including Russell Group Universities) **do consider Applied GCE Health and Social Care to be an approved subject for university admission.** However, as with any subject or qualification, it is always important to check the entry requirements of individual university courses, prior to application.

University and College Courses

Health and Social Care students progress to a variety of courses at Universities throughout the UK and Ireland. Some of these courses are listed below.

University of Ulster

[BSc \(Hons\) Health Physiology](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Health Care Science](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Health and Social Care Policy](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Nursing \(Adult\)](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Nursing \(Mental Health\)](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Occupational Therapy](#)
[BSc Social Policy](#)
[BSc Sociology](#)
[BSc Social Work](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Physical Activity, Exercise and Health](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Podiatry](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Optometry](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Psychology](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Radiography, Diagnostic and Imaging](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Radiotherapy and Oncology](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Speech and Language Therapy](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Stratified Medicine](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Communication with Counselling](#)

[MSc Counselling and Therapeutic Communication](#)

[MSc Health and Wellbeing](#)

[MSc Health Communication](#)

[MSc Health Informatics](#)

University of Ulster (Contd)

Queens University, Belfast

[BEd Bachelor of Education](#)
[MB BCh BAO Bachelor of Medicine](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Midwifery Sciences](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Mental Health Nursing](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Adult Nursing](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Children's Nursing](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Learning Disability Nursing](#)
[BSc \(S\) Psychological Trauma Studies](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Psychology](#)
[BA Joint \(Hons\) Social Policy and Sociology](#)
[BSW \(Hons\) Social Work](#)
[BA Single \(Hons\) Sociology](#)
[MSc in Caring for Children and Young People with Complex Health Needs](#)
[Doctorate in Childhood Studies](#)
[PGCE Education](#)
[MSc in Interprofessional Health and Social Care Management](#)

Liverpool John Moores University

[BA \(Hons\) Health and Social Care for Individuals, Families and Communities](#)
[BA \(Hons\) Education Studies and Special and Inclusive Needs](#)
[BA \(Hons\) Education Studies and Early Years](#)
[BSc \(Hons\) Applied Psychology](#)
[BA \(Hons\) Early Childhood Studies](#)

Liverpool John Moores University (Contd)

[MSc Health Psychology](#)

[MSc Health Studies](#)

[MPA Public Sector Executive Development](#)

[PGCE Primary Education](#)

[MSc Physical Activity and Public Health](#)

[MSc Political Lobbying and Public Affairs
\(Health Care\)](#)

[MSc Health Promotion and Public Health](#)

University of Edinburgh

[MA Health, Science and Society](#)

[BN Nursing Studies](#)

[MA Social Policy and Sociology](#)

[BA Community Education](#)

[BSc Social Work](#)

[BSc Psychology](#)

[MBChB Medicine](#)

Institute of Technology, Sligo

[BA \(Hons\) Social Care Practice](#)

[BSc in Health Science and Human
Physiology](#)

[BSc in Pharmaceutical Science with Drug
Development](#)

[BA \(Hons\) Learning, Development and
Support](#)

[BA \(Hons\) Midwifery](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Nursing \(Adult\) with Registered
Nurse Status](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Nursing \(Child\) with Registered
Nurse Status](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Nursing \(Mental Health\) with
Registered Nurse Status](#)

[DipHE Paramedic Practice](#)

[BA \(Hons\) Primary Education with QTS](#)

[BA \(Hons\) Sociology](#)

University of Liverpool

[MBChB Medicine](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Psychology](#)

[BN \(Hons\) Nursing](#)

[BSc \(Hons\) Occupational Therapy](#)

University of Manchester

[BSc Healthcare Science \(Audiology\)](#)

[BSc Oral Health Science](#)

Photo Gallery – Past Pupils

Photo Gallery – Learning and Teaching in the Department