

# Purpose Statement

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## SEG Awards Level 2 Diploma in Progression to Further Study in Health Science Professions

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### Overview

The SEG Awards Level 2 Diploma in Progression to Further Study in Health Science Professions is a nationally recognised qualification. It enables learners with few or no formal qualifications to gain the knowledge and skills they need to progress on to further learning in health science professions, e.g., the Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions). It is the first step in a vocational progression route into higher education.

### Benefits for Learners

Learners will develop:

- knowledge and understanding in a range of health science related subjects such as exercise physiology, nutrition, health promotion, disease, mental health and introduction to nursing, together with the underpinning knowledge in biology, chemistry and basic physics.
- skills such as academic writing, information gathering and personal study skills

### Who is this qualification for?

The Level 2 Diploma is for learners who wish to progress to further learning at Level 3 and then into higher education.

It is for learners who want a career in one of the health science professions that needs vocational study at university, but who are not yet ready to study at Level 3. This may be because of gaps in their skills or knowledge, perhaps because their schooling was interrupted or disrupted, or because they are returning to study after bringing up a family. Learners who may be in this position include those who need to:

- prepare for higher level study after some time away from formal education
- build the confidence, skills, knowledge and understanding required to progress on to Level 3 academic study
- build a foundation of knowledge and understanding in unfamiliar vocational areas
- achieve an appropriate formal qualification in order to progress to the Skills and Education Group Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions)
- gain a substantial full Level 2 qualification

This qualification is for learners aged 16 years and over.

## What does this qualification cover?

The Level 2 Diploma is made up of 45 Credits so learners will need to study for about 360 hours.

A minimum of 21 and a maximum of 36 Credits must be taken from the vocationally specific units (Core Group A), to enable learners to develop their vocational subject knowledge and understanding in preparation for further study at Level 3. The vocationally specific units have been developed in partnership with colleges which offer the Skills and Education Group Access to HE Diploma: (Health Science Professions), and include:

- Barriers to Health
- Health Promotion in Care Settings
- Health Psychology
- Human Health and Disease
- Human Physiology
- Introduction to Health Studies
- Nutrition, Performance and Healthy Eating
- Physiology and Exercise
- Principles of Safeguarding and Protection in Health and Social Care
- Recognising Issues of Substance Misuse
- Resources for Nursing
- The Sociology of Health
- Understanding Mental Health

At least 9 Credits are taken from units that will enable learners to develop a range of skills that will help them plan and support their further learning, such as:

- Academic Writing
- Building a Personal Career Portfolio
- Critical Thinking
- Developing Personal Study Skills
- Information Literacy
- Organisation and Evaluation of Study
- Personal Learning Skills
- Plagiarism
- Practical Presentation Skills
- Researching & Understanding Opportunities for Study in HE

Learners can also study English, mathematics and ICT topics to help with learning such as:

- improving reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- building numeracy skills such as data handling, algebra, trigonometry, fractions
- using a virtual learning environment, word processing, spreadsheets, databases

## What could this qualification lead to?

The Level 2 Diploma will enable learners to progress to further learning in health care professions. For example, the Skills and Education Group Access to HE Diploma (Health Science Professions), which will support an application for

university health science courses. It may also prepare learners for a range of Level 3 vocational qualifications in health related areas.

This qualification is not available in an apprenticeship and does not lead directly to employment. However, it will support learners who are starting on their journey to a career in a range of health science professions or health careers, which is likely to increase their prospects of gaining employment in the future. Examples include the health science professions such as nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, physiotherapy or radiography, for which a university course is usually required, and health related work such as in a hospital laboratory, or as a healthcare assistant, cytological screener, medical physics technician, dental hygienist or clinical support worker.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the qualifications can be found at:

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