

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Enhanced Health and Social Care Practice (Northern Ireland) – 610/6410/5

Overview

This qualification is designed for learners working in health and social care to consolidate the knowledge, skills and competence required to practise in a range of health and social care settings within Northern Ireland.

The qualification is a unitised qualification on a scale of pass or fail. Learners are expected to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, ensuring a level of proficiency. This qualification will enable learners to acquire knowledge and practical skills in health and social care required for employment in the sector.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is suitable for those who hold significant responsibilities, either as a team leader or as an individual practitioner working in a complex environment, with opportunities to enhance practice and / or embed a greater understanding of their role and context.

The entry requirements for this qualification are that learners **must** be at least **18 years** of age and be employed in relevant health and social care roles in Northern Ireland.

Skills and Education Group Awards expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a learner's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit(s) or the full qualification.

This qualification is appropriate for use in the following age ranges:

- > 18+
- > 19+



What does the qualification cover?

The qualification covers the following **Mandatory** units:

Implementing Effective Communication and Information Sharing in Health and Social Care
Utilising Continuing Professional Development in Health and Social Care
Implementing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Health and Social Care.
Understand Leadership, Governance and Improvement in Health and Social Care
Implementing Partnership and Person-Centred Practice in Health and Social Care
Understand Teamwork and Performance Management in Health and Social Care
Promoting and Implementing Health and Safety in Health and Social Care
Understand Mental Capacity and Restrictive Practices in Health and Social Care
Understand Safeguarding, Protection and Duty of Care in Health and Social Care

and the following **Optional** units:

Implementing Quality Assurance in Health and Social Care
Assessing and Planning to Meet the Physical Health Needs of Individuals with Mental Health Needs
Supporting Individuals to Maintain and Develop Everyday Living Skills
Supporting Individuals to Access and Use Services and Facilities
Facilitating Care / Support Planning for Individuals
Supporting Individuals and Carers / Families in times of Crisis
Supporting Individuals to Access and Manage Direct Payments
Implementing Person-Centred Assessment to Support Wellbeing.
Administering Medication in Health and Social Care



Managing a Team in Health and Social Care
Supporting Individuals with Multiple Conditions and/or Disabilities
Promoting Disability-Inclusive Models of Practice in Health and Social Care
Supporting Infection Prevention and Control in Health and Social Care
Undertaking an Inquiry Project in Health and Social Care
Sharing Knowledge and Best Practice in Health and Social Care
Supporting Individuals in Shared Lives Arrangements
Supporting Individuals to Access and Undertake Education, Training or Employment
Providing Information, Advice or Guidance
Assessing the Needs of Carers / Families
Supporting Individuals to Live at Home
Supporting Individuals to Participate in Activities Provision in Health and Social Care
Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
Supporting Individuals to Access Housing and Accommodation Services
Supporting Individuals During Periods of Transition
Supporting Individuals through Detoxification Programmes
Supporting Individuals to Manage their Finances
Leading and Managing Behavioural Support Strategies for Individuals in Health and Social Care
Supporting the Use of Assistive Technology in Health and Social Care

Assessment

This qualification is assessed through internal assessment, internal and external moderation. Each unit is accompanied by specific assessment criteria that define

the requirements for achievement. Specific requirements and restrictions may apply to individual units within qualifications. Please check unit and qualification details for specific information.

Centres **must** take all reasonable steps to avoid any part of the assessment of a learner (including any internal quality assurance and invigilation) being undertaken by any person who has a personal interest in the result of the assessment.

This qualification **must** be assessed in line with Skills for Care and Development Assessment Principles November 2025, V1.1 (see below).

Access the full Shared Assessment Principles [here](#).

What could this qualification lead to?

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Enhanced Health and Social Care Practice (NI) will support learners to consolidate their practice; engage in continuing professional development; and progress to higher level qualifications in health and social care, including the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care (NI).

Centres should be aware that Reasonable Adjustments, which may be permitted for assessment, may in some instances limit a learner's progression into the sector. Centres must, therefore, inform learners of any limits their learning difficulty may impose on future progression.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is recognised by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council ([NISCC](#))

Further Information

Further information on the qualification can be found on the [Skills and Education Group Awards website](#).