Introduction to Health & Social Care *(SCQF Level 4)*

Full-time

**Where can I study?**

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**Introduction to the course**

This course will introduce you to the different areas and different people who use the services available in the Health and Social Care sector. It provides an important opportunity for students to develop soft skills and interpersonal skills within a care context. The course explores how critical it is to provide effective and efficient provision of care.

**Entry requirements**

Applicants should have three National 4, Standard Grade General or Intermediate 1 qualifications, ideally including English. Other qualifications and experience may be considered, but the ability to work at SCQF Level 4 is essential. A genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills is very important.

**What subjects will I be studying?**

Subjects include:

- Working in the Health Sector
- Roles and Responsibilities in Health
- The Life Sciences Industry
- Improving Health & Wellbeing
- Accident Prevention and Emergency Procedures
- Psychology and Sociology for Care
- Literacy, Numeracy and IT
- Values and Principles in Care

The course also incorporates two Group Awards: National 4 Skills for Work Health Sector and National 4 Care.

**Assessment methods**

Assessment takes the form of projects, portfolios, presentations, practical tasks and closed-book assessments.

**Dress code**
Students should dress appropriately for practical, hands-on work, to allow participation in all activities. Students should present themselves at College in a professional manner appropriate for working in a care setting.

Course progression

On successful completion students may apply to undertake:

- NC Child, Health & Social Care (Generic Route)
- NC Child, Health & Social Care (Social Care Route) SCQF Level 5
- NC Child, Health & Social Care (Healthcare Route) SCQF Level 5

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you could progress from your chosen course to a related university degree, subject to conditions. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

Find out more about our associate universities

Useful contacts

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Academic Tutor

Once you come to College you will be allocated an academic tutor, who will be your initial point of contact. You will meet your tutor at least once a term during tutor hour — they are also the person to go to for the following:

- **Induction:** You will be invited to come in the week before your course starts for your induction. Your tutor will cover key aspects of life at the College to make sure you are well prepared for your NESCot experience.
- **Initial support:** Your tutor is the first point of contact for academic, personal and social support.
- **Attendance:** Your attendance and progress while you are at college, will be monitored by your tutor.
- **Additional support needs:** If you have indicated that you have additional learning or support needs, speak to your tutor who will refer you to the Student Advice and Support team for needs assessment as soon as practically possible.
- **Transitions:** your tutor will keep you informed of the many activities and events organised by the College to support you with career choices, employability, enterprise and articulation guidance and advice.

Student Advice Centre

The Student Advice Centre is your one stop shop for all information and support during your time at NESCot. Staff based within the centre provide impartial and confidential information and advice on a range of issues including:
• Applications and course advice
• Funding and money management
• Careers, employability and enterprise
• Transitions to college and university
• Key Skills and Study Skills support
• Additional Support for Learning
• Assistive technologies
• Mental health and wellbeing advice
• Care Experienced and Corporate Parenting
• Tier 4 and international admissions

Learning Resources

My NESCol
My NESCol is the College’s student web portal that will provide you with on-demand access to all of the links, news and services that you will use once you have enrolled. It’s accessible via any computer, and as an Android or Apple app. It’s easy to use, and you can even receive important alerts on your device!

Blackboard
Blackboard is the Virtual Learning Environment system used in the College, where you can find a host of useful information and access your courses online. It will be the main platform that your lecturers will use to make resources available to you including interactive materials, videos, assessments and feedback.

IT HelpZone
The IT HelpZones are run by students, for students, and there are helpdesks located in main social areas at the Aberdeen and Fraserburgh Campuses, and a dedicated helpline at our Altens Campus. You can drop in, email or telephone for assistance.

Library+
Each Library offers thousands of resources for study, including books, journals, e-books, e-journals and magazines — all relevant to the courses on offer at the campus in which they are situated. They also offer quiet, silent, individual, and group study facilities.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
NESCol believes that your learning and teaching experience at College can be enhanced significantly by use of a mobile device, such as a tablet or a laptop. For this reason, many students are required to bring a device with them to College. This initiative is known as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and its aim is to provide learners with a more bespoke and student-centred learning experience.

Digital Skills Space
Located within each Library Plus facility you will find a dedicated Digital Skills Space, featuring Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) workspaces and dedicated desktop PC work areas. These spaces are also used to deliver core IT teaching, drop-in IT support and scheduled digital skills workshops. You can also use these spaces for flexible access to PCs during Library+ opening hours.

College Calendar
Have a look at our College Calendar for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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