

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

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
DCOLN	Aberdeen City Campus	1 Year

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Service Industries at North East Scotland College. The School of Service Industries includes Child, Health & Social Care, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Sport, Animal Care, Social Sciences and Learning Opportunities.

This broad range of subjects has one common theme – they each offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future. We are very fortunate in that our excellent teaching facilities allow each and every student to experience industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our more advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Joan Thorne, Director of Curriculum for Service Industries

Introduction to the course

This course is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in health care, and will provide students with a firm understanding of the expectations and values involved in care roles, including nursing. The course introduces a variety of care professions across statutory, voluntary and private settings, and will enable you to better understand the complexities of delivering effective care to a variety of service users. The course will effectively prepare students to successfully progress towards further study or employment.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have five National 4, Intermediate 1 or Standard Grade General (grade 3 or above) qualifications – ideally including English, Maths and a Science (ideally Biology) – as well as one National 5 qualification.

Alternatively applicants should have successfully completed an appropriate course at SCQF Level 4. Other qualifications and experience may be taken into account but the ability to work at SCQF Level 5 is essential. A genuine aptitude for working with people and good communication skills are essential.

What subjects will I be studying?

This course covers a range of different subjects to develop your understanding in fundamental areas of child, health

and social care. Subjects include:

- Skills for Work - Health & Social Care Higher
- Mental Health issues: An Introduction
- Communication skills for Care Support Workers
- HIV, Hepatitis B and C infections
- Sociology and Psychology in Care
- Values and Principles in Care
- Human Body
- IT
- Core Skills (IT, numeracy and literacy)

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 of this course, students may progress to the NC Health & Social Care (Healthcare Route) (SCQF Level 6) course.

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 can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. 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 in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

Useful information

Faculty:	Care
School:	School of Service Industries
Faculty Manager:	Trish Swan Email: p.swan@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum & Quality Manager(s):	Jim Sinclair Email: ji.sinclair@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be

provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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