

## **NC Health & Social Care (Social Care Route)** *(SCQF Level 6)*

Full-time

### **Where can I study?**

| <b>Location</b>      | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Course code</b> |
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| Aberdeen City Campus | 1 Year          | PUOH               |

### **Introduction to the course**

The primary aims of this course are to cover the essential knowledge and skills needed to progress into employment or further study in a range of social care setting. Students will investigate the types of people who may need care, what provision is available to them and the roles and responsibilities of a care worker working with a variety of service users.

### **Entry requirements**

Applicants should have one Higher at Grade C or above, in addition to three National 5, Intermediate 2 (Grade B or above) or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications (including English). A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential. Evidence of a minimum of 40 hours volunteering or a placement within an early years environment is also required.

A clear disclosure or ability to gain membership of the PVG scheme in respect of Regulated Work with Children and Protected Adults will be required prior to placement allocation.

### **What subjects will I be studying?**

You will learn about human development and social influences, and develop a good understanding of mental health, mental illness and how to care for people with dementia. The course covers the Care Higher, and will develop your core skills. The course also includes a work placement, allowing you to gain valuable hands-on work experience. Some of the main subjects include:

- Values and Principles in Care
- Psychology for Care
- Sociology for Care
- Understanding Mental Health and Mental Illness
- Caring for people with Dementia
- Care Higher
- Work Placement
- Core Skills

In addition to the NC qualification, students will also complete Higher Sociology and Higher Care qualifications. The course also includes a work placement experience unit.

### **Assessment methods**

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year, both in college and at a Social Care placement. You will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff, placement mentors and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation.

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.

## Equipment

Students attending placement will be required to purchase a NESCol polo shirt or hoodie.

## Course progression

On successful completion students may progress to the HNC Social Services course. If you choose to complete an HNC course after completing your NC, you may want to then consider progressing to university level study.

## 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 NESCol 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 NESCol. 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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