Qualification Specification

Focus Awards Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (RQF)

Qualification number: 601/7450/X

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Develop knowledge for a career in adult social care

This qualification develops knowledge and understanding of important principles, responsibilities and approaches involved in adult social care.

Qualification at a glance

Qualification level	Level 3
Qualification type	Vocationally Related Qualification
Qualification number	601/7450/X
Total qualification time	210 hours
Guided learning hours	190 hours
Credit value	21 credits
Assessment	Internally assessed portfolio of evidence
Geographical coverage	England and Northern Ireland
Minimum age	16 (entry at centre discretion)
Entry requirements	No additional entry requirements set by Focus Awards; centres may apply criteria

What you will study

The nine mandatory units cover communication, person-centred approaches, diversity and inclusion, personal development, health and safety, safeguarding, duty of care, information handling and the role of a social care worker.

Assessment approach

Learners complete a portfolio of evidence demonstrating all learning outcomes and assessment criteria. Evidence may include assignments, worksheets, assessor observations, witness testimony, oral or written questions, learner work and recognition of prior learning (where appropriate).

Learner support

Reasonable adjustments and special considerations follow Focus Awards policy. Discuss individual learning needs with Virtue before enrolment.

Mandatory qualification units

Mandatory unit	Reference	Level	Credits	GLH
Understand how to handle information in social care settings	D/602/3119	3	1	9
Understand health and safety in social care settings	L/602/3178	3	5	49
Principles of diversity, equality, and inclusion in adult social care settings	M/602/3044	3	2	19
Principles of communication in adult social care settings	R/602/2906	3	2	17
Principles of personal development in adult social care settings	R/602/3036	3	2	19
Understand person-centred approaches in adult social care settings	R/602/3182	3	4	37
Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care	A/601/8574	2	3	26
Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings	R/601/1436	3	1	5
Understand the role of the social care worker	A/602/3113	2	1	9

Qualification requirement: All nine mandatory units must be achieved for a total of 21 credits.

Progression and next steps

The Focus Awards specification lists the Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care, Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care and Level 2 Diploma in Care as possible progression routes. Suitability and entry requirements should be checked individually.

Important: This Virtue learner guide summarises the supplied Focus Awards qualification specification. The official specification remains authoritative for assessment and certification requirements.