

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**Type of Qualification:** Cambridge National Level 1/2 (OCR)

**How it is assessed:** 25% - One Written Examination  
75% - Three Centre Assessed Tasks

### **Course Overview:**

OCR Nationals provide a broad, overall introduction to health, social care and early years provision. A Level 2 National Certificate is equivalent to a GCSE qualification. There are 2 compulsory units – the exam unit based on the values of care and an assessed task based on effective communication in care settings.

The 2 optional units are both assessed tasks and are likely to be two topics from the following three - understanding life stages, the development and protection of young children and creative activities to support individuals in health, social care and early years' settings.

### **Beyond Year 11:**

An OCR National in Health and Social Care would be a valuable qualification for those seeking a career as a Nursery Nurse, Care Assistant, Child minder, or a Pre-school/Nursery School Assistant. The course can lead to further study at 6<sup>th</sup> form level following the OCR Technical Qualification, this is a natural step for those students who wish to pursue a career in health, social care and early years. Many students will go on to study at university with the aim of going into nursing, teaching or social work.

