

The Diploma – Bringing learning to life

Society,

Health & Development

Ever wanted to make a difference to society?

Want to save lives?

Ever questioned why people behave the way they do?

Does teaching and shaping the next generation of youngsters appeal to you?

If the answer is yes to any of the above, have you ever thought about studying for a Diploma in Society, Health and Development?

What is a Diploma?

A Diploma combines knowledge and skills through theory and practical work that employers and universities value, it is offered at two levels:

*Foundation - equivalent to 5 GCSE grades at D to G
Higher - equivalent to 7 GCSE grades A to C.*

You will work on projects, practical activities in and out of the classroom setting and take part in work experience placements. This programme of study is versatile, exciting and flexible.

A Diploma is made up of four areas:

- Principal learning will teach you all you need to know about your chosen Diploma subject. This will take up a fairly large proportion of your timetable
- Functional skills in English, Maths and ICT
- Additional and specialist learning which can include other qualifications such as GCSEs or BTEC
- You will also develop skills in self management, team working and leadership

Why study a Diploma in Society, Health and Development?

This Diploma will give those of you who are interested in working with people a good insight into this rewarding area of work. It will develop your understanding in four sectors: health, social care, the children's workforce and community justice. Whether you want to work in nursing, police, social care or with children and young people, a Diploma offers a broad based learning experience for everyone.

Careers it can lead to in the sector

Healthcare: nursing/occupational therapy/midwifery/drama therapist/paramedic

Children & Young People: nursery nurse/classroom assistant/education administrator/teacher

Social Care: social worker/care home manager/community outreach worker/carer/counsellor/charity fundraiser/support worker

Community Justice: police officer/court staff/prison officer/youth offending team worker/citizens' advice officer

once I have completed a Diploma, what next?

The good thing about the Diploma is that although it focuses on a particular subject area, it teaches a mix of subjects, giving a well-rounded education, so you don't have to opt for a career in society, health or development at the end of studying it.

Universities and employers have been involved in designing the Diplomas so it will enable you to study at college and/or university.

What might your route look like?

Yr 10 and 11

Society, Health and Development Diploma with Additional Specialist Learning in subjects such as:

Drama GCSE

German GCSE or

History GCSE

plus the Core subjects

Yr 12 and 13 – College or Sixth form

Course ideas:

Cache Diploma in Childcare and Education

Society Health and Development Advanced Diploma with A level Biology

An AS/A level course in Biology, Health and Social Care and English

Higher education degree courses you might progress onto:

Health and Community Studies

Sociology with Criminology

Nursing

Midwifery

Psychology

Social Work

Or

Employment or Apprenticeships

What do the professionals say?

"I am very supportive of the Diploma in Society, Health and Development because it is a real and practical way to encourage young people into different and important areas of our and other linked sectors. The Diploma should not only provide a good academic base, but also a range of practical and interpersonal skills as well as a real insight into some of the difficult but exciting issues in the field."

Julian Hartley, CEO, Blackpool, Fylde, and Wyre Hospitals NHS Trust

What do current Yr 10 students think of this Diploma?

"I am enjoying this diploma and am learning a lot."

Robert Fieldon – Yr 10 student, Park Lane High

"I am having loads of fun on this diploma and it is educational for boys and girls."

Chris Hildred – Yr 10 student, Park Lane High

"I like the SHD Diploma, it is a really interesting subject. We do lots of exciting work which will be useful for our future careers."

Yr 10 student, Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High

? ? Questions to ask ? ?

As with any qualifications, always check college/sixth form entry requirements. Some advanced courses will require specific GCSE subjects and grades. As part of any Diploma you can take additional GCSE subjects, but you must check what your timetable will allow you to study alongside your Diploma in Yr 10.

For example, most health related careers will require additional science qualifications at GCSE.

If there is a specific career area you wish to pursue, again, check entry requirements. If in doubt, ask your school Connexions Personal Adviser.

Useful websites

Careers related

www.workabout.org.uk
www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u
www.calderdaleprospectus.co.uk
www.kirkleesoptions.org.uk

Society, Health & Development related

www.skillsforhealth.org.uk
www.skillsactive.com
www.topssengland.net
www.skillsforjustice.com
www.aqa.org.uk
www.edexcel.org.uk

Time for success!



The LSC has identified six sectors as 'critically important' to West Yorkshire; three of these include Social Care, Childcare, Voluntary, Community and Faith.
(Source: www.isc.gov.uk – July 2006)

The NHS is the single biggest employer in the UK.
(Source: National Guidance Research Forum)

About 1 in 10 posts in social services departments are vacant, with occupational therapy posts, hardest to fill.
(Source: National Guidance Research Forum)

There is a shortage of qualified childcare workers nationally and in our region.
(Source: Outlook on....Work in childcare May 2008)

For further information and advice:

- contact the  learningline (0800 5 979 979 free to UK landlines)
0800 5 979 979 Text: 07786 202 804
(start message with learn)
E: learningline@ckcareers.org.uk
- look at  www.workabout.org.uk
- or visit one of our Centres - details from the Learningline and on Workabout

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of race, gender, disability, religion, age, ethnic origin or sexual orientation please speak to your Connexions Personal Adviser.

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