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# Health and Social Care Pathways



## What could you do with a higher education qualification in health and social care?

- + You could help diagnose, prevent and treat illness through medical research and science.
- + You could work in social care with people who are vulnerable, have mental health problems or who have physical or learning difficulties.

## Jobs with higher education qualifications:

- + Doctor
- + Nurse
- + Physiotherapist
- + Social Worker

## Jobs with further education qualifications:

- + Hospital Porter
- + Counsellor
- + Carer

To find out more about these and other careers in health and social care visit these websites:

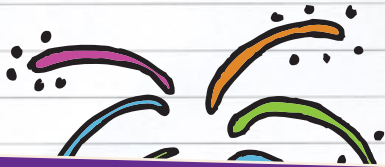
[www.nhscareers.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk)

[www.stepintothens.nhs.uk](http://www.stepintothens.nhs.uk)

[www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u)



# Will a career in health and social care suit you?



## It will help if you:

- + have a caring nature and are able to relate to people with different abilities and needs
- + are good at listening and communicating
- + pay attention to detail and can remain calm under pressure
- + like science, especially biology



## Make sure you think about these practical things too

- + Although there will be many rewarding moments, there may be times when you are exposed to sad and difficult situations where you will need to remain professional.
- + Along with the practical, hands-on work, you will also need to spend time doing paper work, writing up reports and keeping a record of what has occurred and what you have done.
- + Working in health and social care usually involves being accountable for other people's welfare and, in some cases, their life. Could you handle such a big responsibility?
- + To become a registered Social Worker you must have completed a higher education course that has been approved by the General Social Care Council. To find out more visit [www.gsc.org.uk](http://www.gsc.org.uk)

## Remember, when you are thinking about your career and your future, higher education qualifications give you more options

There are many benefits to having a higher education qualification including:

- + The chance to find a job you really love.
- + The skills you need to get promoted and progress in your chosen career.
- + The opportunity to earn more money.
- + More choice, now and in the future. You may be happy to do one job when you are young but it may not suit you when you get older. HE qualifications can save you from getting stuck in a rut.

Find out more about the benefits of HE at [www.gr8choice.org](http://www.gr8choice.org) and [www.learnandwork.org](http://www.learnandwork.org)

# What is happening in the health and social care sector?



- + The Diploma in Society, Health and Development is a new qualification aimed at young people aged between 14 and 19 years. Find out more at [www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas](http://www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas)
- + The NHS is the UK's largest single employer.
- + If your course leads to registration as a health professional including as a nurse, radiographer, occupational therapist, dietician, podiatrist or speech and language therapist then you may be eligible for an NHS grant to pay for all your tuition fees and a means tested bursary to help pay for your living costs. For more information visit [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students)

- + It is estimated that by 2016, the NHS in the South West region will need to replace approximately 62 percent of the professionally qualified clinical staff like nurses and physiotherapists.

- + Only 18 percent of the South West social care workforce is male.

Due to the economic climate, this type of information is always changing. Find out the latest at:

[www.focusoncareers.org.uk](http://www.focusoncareers.org.uk)

[www.skillsforhealth.org.uk](http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk)



# Your pathway in health and social care

Here are some examples of pathways you could take to a career in health and social care in the South West.

Society, Health  
and Development  
Advanced Diploma



Operating Department  
Practice Diploma of  
Higher Education  
**University of Plymouth**



**Operating Department  
Practitioner**

Health Studies BTEC  
National Diploma



Adult Nursing Honours  
degree  
**University of Plymouth**



**Nurse**

## Your pathway

Use the route map below to plan your own pathway in health and social care.



**Your dream job**

# More information

No matter what stage you are at there are plenty of local health and social care courses to choose from. Here are some of the local universities and colleges that offer higher education courses. Contact them directly to find out more.

**City College Plymouth**  
www.cityplym.ac.uk  
reception@cityplym.ac.uk  
01752 305300

**Cornwall College**  
www.cornwall.ac.uk  
uni@cornwall.ac.uk  
01209 616161

**Exeter College**  
www.exe-coll.ac.uk  
info4u@exe-coll.ac.uk  
0845 111 6000

**North Devon College**  
www.ndevon.ac.uk  
postbox@ndevon.ac.uk  
01271 345291

**The Open University**  
www.open.ac.uk  
south-west@open.ac.uk  
0845 300 6090

**Peninsula Medical School**  
www.pms.ac.uk  
medadmissions@pms.ac.uk  
01752 437444

**Somerset College of Arts and Technology**  
www.somerset.ac.uk  
enquiries@somerset.ac.uk  
01823 366331

**South Devon College**  
www.southdevon.ac.uk  
enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk  
Freephone 08000 380123

**Truro and Penwith College**  
www.truopenwith.ac.uk  
heinfo@truro-penwith.ac.uk  
01872 267122

**University Centre Yeovil**  
www.ucy.ac.uk  
ucy@yeovil.ac.uk  
01935 845454

**UCP Marjon (University College Plymouth St Mark & St John)**  
www.marjon.ac.uk  
admissions@marjon.ac.uk  
01752 636 700

**University of Exeter**  
www.exeter.ac.uk  
admissions@exeter.ac.uk  
01392 263035

**University of Plymouth**  
www.plymouth.ac.uk  
prospectus@plymouth.ac.uk  
01752 585858



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## More local further education courses

Local schools, colleges and private training providers also offer further education courses in health and social care. To search for more courses visit [www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus](http://www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus)

## More higher education courses

To see health and social care higher education courses available across the UK visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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