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ATHE Level 3 Course Summary

Diploma in Health and Social Care

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COURSE SUMMARY DOCUMENT

ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (60 Credits) Programme:

Specification Version v0.1 – Valid from 31 August 2020

COURSE TITLE:	<i>ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (60 Credits), Qualification Number 603/6568/7</i>
DURATION OF COURSE:	Average duration 6-9 months. Total Qualification Time is 600 hours, including 303 Guided Learning Hours.
WHEN COURSE IS TAUGHT:	September, January & April intakes Teaching Blocks: September to December, January to March, April to June, July to September.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed for learners typically aged 16+. • Centres should review each learner's prior qualifications and experience to confirm they have the foundations to study at Level 3. • For learners recently in education or training, the likely entry profile includes 5 or more GCSEs at grades 4 and above, 5 or more GCSEs at grades C and above, other related Level 2 subjects, or equivalent international qualifications. • Learners must have an appropriate standard of English to access resources and complete assignments. Recommended English standards include IELTS 5.5, CEFR B2, Cambridge English Advanced 162 or above, or Pearson Test of English Academic 42–49. • Mature learners may present a varied profile including relevant paid or unpaid work experience, responsibility, participation, achievement of professional qualifications, Recognition of Prior Learning, or RQF exemptions where applicable.
COURSE OUTLINE:	<p><i>The ATHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care is a 60-credit Level 3 qualification within ATHE's International Access Programme. It introduces learners to the health and social care sector, including the structure of provision, the roles and career pathways available, and the key principles, values and ideas that underpin effective care.</i></p> <p><i>The qualification helps learners understand how health and social care services are organised, funded and regulated, and how care is provided across different ages and stages of life. Learners also study policy, legislation, safeguarding, person-centred practice, communication, infection control, care planning, medication administration, research, and personal and professional development.</i></p> <p><i>A key feature of the qualification is the development of transferable study skills, including critical thinking, planning, research, information gathering, analysis, written and oral communication, academic referencing, IT skills and reflection. These skills support successful completion of assignments and progression to further study, employment or higher-level training.</i></p>

The programme consists of six mandatory units totalling 60 credits. Learners are assessed through internally assessed learner work against ATHE learning outcomes and assessment criteria, with opportunities to achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grades.

PROGRAMME CONTENT - CORE MODULES AND ANY OPTIONAL MODULES:
(Including number of credits)

Module requirements: Students must complete 6 mandatory units.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Credits	GLH	Status
K/618/4167	Unit 1 - Structure and Overview of the Health and Social Care Sector	12	50	Mandatory
M/618/4168	Unit 2 - Principles, Values and Regulation in the Health and Social Care Sector	10	60	Mandatory
T/618/4169	Unit 3 - Human Growth and Development	5	28	Mandatory
K/618/4170	Unit 4 - Working in Health and Social Care	15	80	Mandatory
M/618/4171	Unit 5 - Research in Health and Social Care	10	55	Mandatory
T/618/4172	Unit 6 - Personal and Professional Development in the Health and Social Care Sector	8	30	Mandatory

WORKLOAD:
(Including number of contact hours with college staff and expected hours of self-study)

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The specification explains that TQT includes Guided Learning Hours plus additional non-supervised learning such as preparation, private study, research, work-based learning, portfolio compilation and assessment activity. It does not provide a weekly contact-hours model.

LENGTH OF THE MODULES:

Each module lasts 10 weeks (equivalent to one term) covering 40 contact hours. Two modules are taught per term.

THE OVERALL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE MODULES:
(For example, exams, coursework or practical assignments)

Assessment for each unit is based on achievement of the Learning Outcomes at the standards set by the Assessment Criteria. Learners may achieve Pass, Merit, Distinction or Fail for each unit.

Assessment is completed through submission of internally assessed learner work, which is subject to external moderation or verification.

Assessment methods may include a research project, case study work, review and evaluation of policies, legislation and systems, presentation of information, production of training materials and a portfolio of evidence. Oakwood College uses ATHE-provided assignment briefs and related guidance where applicable.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE:

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Awarding Body:

	<p>ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education) UK Ofqual-regulated awarding organisation</p>													
WHERE THE PROGRAMME IS TAUGHT:	<p>Programme Delivery Location and Address:</p> <p>In-person, on-campus at: Oakwood College Tricorn House 7th Floor 51–53 Hagley Road Birmingham B16 8TP</p> <p>Modes of delivery may include full-time, blended learning or distance learning.</p>													
STAFF WHO ARE DELIVERING THE TEACHING:	<p>Teaching is delivered by a team of academics and sector specialists with relevant knowledge of health and social care, safeguarding, person-centred practice, communication, research, care planning and professional development. Staff are expected to have appropriate subject knowledge and are normally qualified to at least degree standard, with teaching and/or assessing qualifications and practical sector experience desirable.</p>													
THE FEES WHICH STUDENTS CAN EXPECT TO PAY:	<p>Fees: £1,500. Privately paid by the student.</p>													
REASSESSMENT FEES	<p>Reassessment Fees for Each Module: £20 Plus External Verification Fees: £200</p>													
COURSE DEPOSIT:	<p><i>25% of the tuition fee</i></p>													
ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME COSTS:	<p>These are costs in addition to tuition fees that students may have to pay to complete the course. The figures provided here are indicative estimates of additional costs:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost item</th> <th>Compulsory / Optional</th> <th>Indicative amount / range per year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Books and other study materials</td> <td>Optional (library provides e-access to many core texts)</td> <td>Around £100 per year (minimum average spend typically advised for undergraduate books)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing and photocopying</td> <td>Optional (students choose how much to print)</td> <td>£50 per year recommended to cover general printing and final-year project printing/binding</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stationery and general study supplies</td> <td>Optional</td> <td>Approximately £30–£60 per year depending on personal preference</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Cost item	Compulsory / Optional	Indicative amount / range per year	Books and other study materials	Optional (library provides e-access to many core texts)	Around £100 per year (minimum average spend typically advised for undergraduate books)	Printing and photocopying	Optional (students choose how much to print)	£50 per year recommended to cover general printing and final-year project printing/binding	Stationery and general study supplies	Optional	Approximately £30–£60 per year depending on personal preference
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	Optional UK study trips and visits	Optional – only if students choose to participate	Typically, £20–£60 per UK day trip , depending on destination and activity
	IT equipment and internet access	Expected (students must be able to access online resources and VLE)	Highly variable; many students use an existing laptop. Where a new device is needed, a basic study-ready laptop typically costs from £300 upwards
QUERIES:	If you have any questions about this Course Summary Document or the course in general, please contact our Academics team on: academicsupport@oakwoodgroup.co.uk		