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## ATHE Level 5 Course Summary

### *Diploma in Health and Social Care*

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## COURSE SUMMARY DOCUMENT

### ATHE Level 5 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (120 Credits) Programme: *Specification Version 1.0 – Valid from January 2024*

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<i>ATHE Level 5 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (120 Credits), Qualification Number 610/3580/4</i>
<b>DURATION OF COURSE:</b>	Average duration 12 months. Total Qualification Time is 1200 hours, including 480 Guided Learning Hours.
<b>WHEN COURSE IS TAUGHT:</b>	September, January & April intakes  Teaching Blocks: September to December, January to March, April to June, July to September.
<b>ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed for learners typically aged 18+.</li> <li>• Learners should normally have successfully completed a Level 4 qualification in a related field or have equivalent relevant work experience in the health and social care sector.</li> <li>• Centres should review each learner’s prior qualifications and experience to confirm they have the foundations to study at Level 5 and a clear commitment to professional development within health and social care.</li> <li>• Learners must have an appropriate standard of English to access resources and complete assignments. Recommended English standards include IELTS 5.5 or equivalent for non-native speakers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OUTLINE:</b>	<p><i>The ATHE Level 5 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (120 credits) builds on Level 5 Diploma learning and provides learners with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and understanding across a broad range of interrelated health and social care subjects and practices.</i></p> <p><i>The qualification offers learners either a more practical, occupationally related approach to the subject or the opportunity to construct their own qualification outcome from a mixture of practical and more academically oriented units. Learners study four mandatory units and select four optional units from the approved list.</i></p> <p><i>A key feature of the qualification is its applied and synoptic focus. Unit content and skills are explored systematically, and learners are expected to demonstrate both what they know and understand and how they apply this to practical problems or situations in health and social care settings.</i></p>

*Each unit is supported by ATHE assessment materials and includes opportunities to develop study skills, employability skills and sector-relevant understanding. Optional units allow learners to tailor their programme to areas such as digital skills, adult social care service models, care planning, clinical skills, financial management, operational planning, recruitment and retention, risk management, project management, policy and legislation, the organisation of health and social care, and global health issues.*

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

Learners must complete 4 mandatory units and select 4 optional units from the approved optional unit list to achieve the 120-credit Extended Diploma.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Credits	GLH	Status
Y/650/9476	Unit 1 Leading and managing health and social care	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
A/650/9477	Unit 2 Responsibilities, values and behaviours in health and social care	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
D/650/9478	Unit 3 Improvement and innovation in health and social care	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
F/650/9479	Unit 4 Professional development and performance management in health and social care	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
K/650/9480	Unit 5 Digital skills for leaders in health and social care	15	60	Optional
L/650/9481	Unit 6 Leading and managing different adult social care service models	15	60	Optional
M/650/9482	Unit 7 Care planning and assessment in social care settings	15	60	Optional
R/650/9483	Unit 8 Management of clinical skills in adult social care	15	60	Optional
T/650/9484	Unit 9 Managing transitions relating to care settings and significant life events	15	60	Optional
Y/650/9485	Unit 10 Leading financial management in health and social care	15	60	Optional

**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 and assessment activity. It does not provide a weekly contact-hours model.



<b>LENGTH OF THE MODULES:</b>	<i>Each module lasts 10 weeks (equivalent to one term) covering 40 contact hours. Three modules are taught per term.</i>
<b>THE OVERALL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE MODULES:</b> (For example, exams, coursework or practical assignments)	<p>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.</p> <p>Assessment is completed through submission of internally assessed learner work for each unit.</p> <p>Oakwood College uses ATHE-provided assignment briefs for each unit, including extension activities for higher grades. Learners must achieve the four mandatory units plus four optional units to meet the rules of combination for the Extended Diploma.</p>
<b>AWARD RECEIVED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE:</b>	<p>ATHE Level 5 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (120 Credits) Qualification Number 610/3580/4. Awarding Body: ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education), a UK Ofqual-regulated awarding organisation.</p>
<b>WHERE THE PROGRAMME IS TAUGHT:</b>	<p><b>Programme Delivery Location and Address:</b></p> <p><b>In-person, on-campus at:</b> 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>
<b>STAFF WHO ARE DELIVERING THE TEACHING:</b>	<p>Teaching is delivered by a team of academics with expertise in health and social care, leadership and management, adult social care, safeguarding, professional development, policy, legislation, quality improvement, risk management and service operations, many of whom have relevant professional and sector experience.</p>
<b>THE FEES WHICH STUDENTS CAN EXPECT TO PAY:</b>	<p>Fees: £1,800. Privately paid by the student.</p>
<b>REASSESSMENT FEES</b>	<p>Reassessment Fees for Each Module: £20 Plus External Verification Fees: £200</p>
<b>COURSE DEPOSIT:</b>	<i>25% of the tuition fee</i>
<b>ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME COSTS:</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p>



	Cost item	Compulsory / Optional	Indicative amount / range per year
	Books and other study materials	<b>Optional</b> (online resources available)	Around <b>£100 per year</b> (minimum average spend typically advised for undergraduate books)
	Printing and photocopying	<b>Optional</b> (students choose how much to print)	<b>£50 per year</b> recommended to cover general printing and final-year project printing/binding
	Stationery and general study supplies	<b>Optional</b>	Approximately <b>£30–£60 per year</b> depending on personal preference
	Optional UK study trips and visits	<b>Optional</b> – only if students choose to participate	Typically, <b>£20–£60 per UK day trip</b> , depending on destination and activity
	IT equipment and internet access	<b>Expected</b> (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 <b>from £300 upwards</b>
<b>QUERIES:</b>	If you have any questions about this Course Summary Document or the course in general, please contact our Academics team on: <a href="mailto:academicsupport@oakwoodgroup.co.uk">academicsupport@oakwoodgroup.co.uk</a>		