



# Oakswood College

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## ATHE Level 6 Course Summary

### *Diploma in Healthcare Management*

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## COURSE SUMMARY DOCUMENT

### ATHE Level 6 Diploma in Healthcare Management (120 Credits) Programme: *Specification Version 4.0 – Valid from 1 December 2019*

<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<i>ATHE Level 6 Diploma in Healthcare Management (120 Credits), Qualification Number 600/3406/3</i>
<b>DURATION OF COURSE:</b>	Average duration 12 months. Total Qualification Time is 1200 hours, including 485 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 19 and above.</li> <li>• Centres should review each learner’s prior qualifications and experience to confirm they have the foundations to undertake study at Level 6.</li> <li>• For learners recently in education or training, the likely entry profile includes one or two years’ study of Healthcare Management or related qualifications at a Higher Education Institution, a Level 5 qualification in Healthcare Management or related subjects, or equivalent international qualifications.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Mature learners may present a varied profile including relevant paid or unpaid work experience, responsibility, participation, achievement of professional qualifications or Recognition of Prior Learning.</li> </ul>
<b>COURSE OUTLINE:</b>	<p><b>Course Outline</b></p> <p>The ATHE Level 6 Diploma in Healthcare Management (120 credits) is designed to provide learners with a broad and rigorous understanding of healthcare management at Level 6. It supports learners who wish to develop the knowledge and skills needed for senior roles in the healthcare sector, as well as those seeking progression to further study in healthcare, management, public sector administration or related higher education pathways.</p> <p>The qualification builds on prior management knowledge and extends this through structured study across a range of core and specialist areas. Learners explore key topics including international healthcare policy, quality and service delivery, leadership and management, research, personal leadership development, finance in the public sector, human resource management, project management, risk management, stakeholder engagement, equality and diversity, strategic planning and sustainability. This combination enables learners to understand how healthcare organisations operate within wider social, political, financial and organisational contexts.</p> <p>A central feature of the qualification is its practical and analytical approach to learning. The programme includes a compulsory research project, which requires</p>

learners to investigate a relevant healthcare issue in depth and present evidence-based findings. This encourages learners to apply research methods, interpret information critically and develop independent analytical skills that are essential for effective management practice.

The qualification also places strong emphasis on developing professional and transferable skills required in healthcare management. These include leadership, decision-making, communication, problem-solving, financial awareness, team working and the ability to evaluate policy and organisational performance. Learners are expected to engage with realistic healthcare and public sector scenarios, use evidence from practice and research, and justify their judgements clearly.

Assessment is assignment-based and designed to reflect real-world management tasks. Each unit is internally assessed through ATHE assignment briefs, and learners are required to demonstrate achievement of the learning outcomes through submitted work rather than examinations. The diploma also includes flexibility in its optional unit structure, allowing learners to tailor their study by selecting units that reflect their interests, professional goals or progression needs. This flexibility supports development towards specialist or strategic roles within healthcare management.

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

Learners must achieve 120 credits and complete six mandatory units, which total 70 credits and a further four or five optional units from the specified list, to reach at least 50 additional credits.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Credits	GLH	Status
K/503/5358	International Healthcare Policy	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
F/503/5351	Managing Quality and Service Delivery	10	40	<b>Mandatory</b>
H/503/5200	Leadership and Management	15	60	<b>Mandatory</b>
T/503/5119	Research Project	10	40	<b>Mandatory</b>
A/503/5350	Personal Leadership and Management Development	10	40	<b>Mandatory</b>
F/503/5219 or A/503/5218	Managing Finance in the Public Sector or Financial Decision Making for Managers	10	40	<b>Mandatory choice</b>
L/503/5093	Human Resource Management	15	60	Optional
J/503/5111	Project Management	15	60	Optional
Y/503/5226	Programme Leadership	10	40	Optional
H/503/5097	Risk Management	10	40	Optional
F/503/5348	Manage Sustainability in an Organisation	15	60	Optional
H/602/2330	Strategic Planning	15	45	Optional
D/503/5213	Managing Stakeholder Engagement	10	40	Optional
K/503/5120	Leading Organisational Equality and Diversity	10	40	Optional



<p><b>WORKLOAD:</b> (Including number of contact hours with college staff and expected hours of self-study)</p>	<p>The ATHE Level 6 Diploma in Healthcare Management is a 120-credit qualification. Total Qualification Time is 1200 hours, and Total Guided Learning Hours is 485 hours.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>LENGTH OF THE MODULES:</b></p>	<p><i>Each module lasts 10 weeks (equivalent to one term) covering 40 contact hours. Three modules are taught per term.</i></p>
<p><b>THE OVERALL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE MODULES:</b> (For example, exams, coursework or practical assignments)</p>	<p>Assessment for each unit is based on achievement of the Learning Outcomes at the standards set by the Assessment Criteria. Each unit is graded Pass or Fail.</p> <p>Assessment is completed through submission of internally assessed learner work which may also include a PowerPoint presentation where required.</p> <p>Oakwood College uses ATHE assignment briefs for each unit where available. Learners complete mandatory healthcare management units, one finance-related mandatory choice, and optional specialist units selected according to the rules of combination to achieve a minimum of 120 credits.</p>
<p><b>AWARD RECEIVED ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE:</b></p>	<p>ATHE Level 6 Diploma in Healthcare Management (120 Credits) Qualification Number 600/3406/3. <b>Awarding Body:</b> ATHE (Awards for Training and Higher Education) UK Ofqual-regulated awarding organisation</p>
<p><b>WHERE THE PROGRAMME IS TAUGHT:</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>STAFF WHO ARE DELIVERING THE TEACHING:</b></p>	<p>Teaching is delivered by a team of academics with expertise in healthcare management, leadership, public sector finance, quality and service delivery, research methods, project management, human resource management and organisational strategy, many of whom have significant professional and consultancy experience in relevant sectors.</p>
<p><b>THE FEES WHICH STUDENTS CAN EXPECT TO PAY:</b></p>	<p>Fees: £2,500. Privately paid by the student.</p>
<p><b>REASSESSMENT FEES</b></p>	<p>Reassessment Fees for Each Module: £20 Plus External Verification Fees: £200</p>
<p><b>COURSE DEPOSIT:</b></p>	<p><i>25% of the tuition fee</i></p>



**ADDITIONAL  
PROGRAMME COSTS:**

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:

Cost item	Compulsory / Optional	Indicative amount / range per year
Books and other study materials	<b>Optional</b> (library provides e-access to many core texts)	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>

**QUERIES:**

If you have any questions about this Course Summary Document or the course in general, please contact our Academics team on:

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