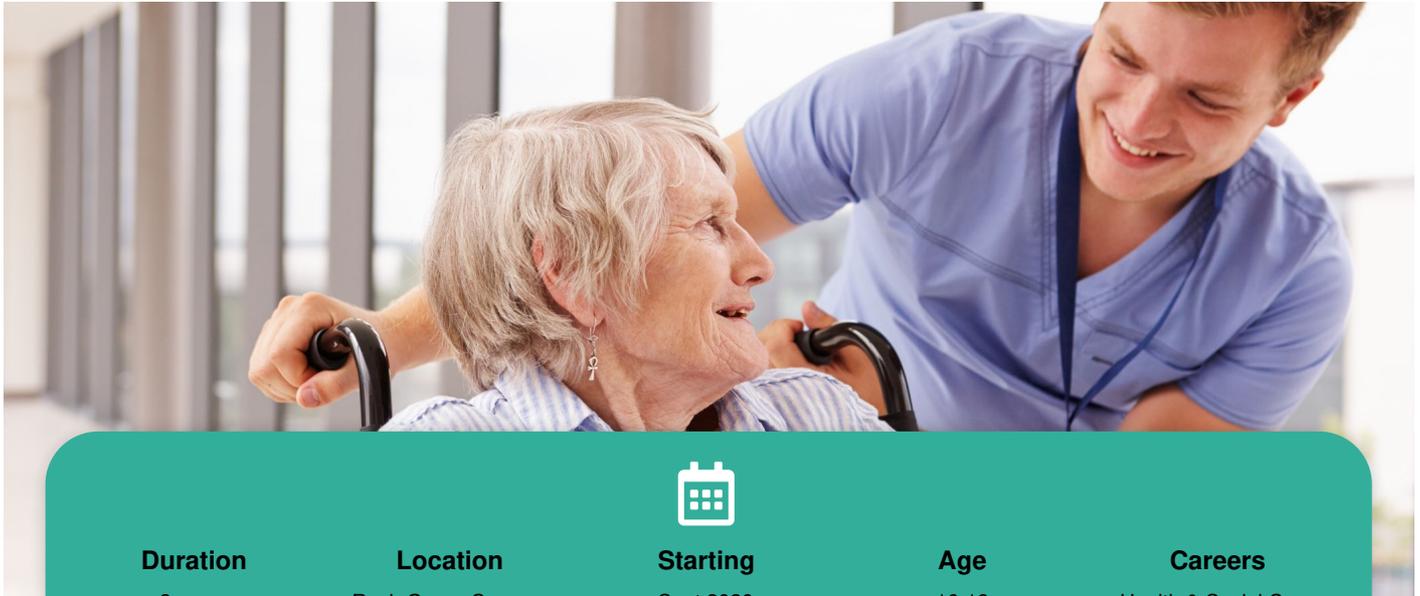


Level

# Social Care

NCFE/CACHE Diploma

**Duration**

2 years

**Location**

Rush Green Campus

**Starting**

Sept 2026

**Age**

16-18

**Careers**

Health &amp; Social Care

## Course fees per year

AGE 16-18

**FREE**

Contact us to discuss what Financial support is available.

## Overview

The NCFE/CACHE Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry Diploma in Social Care is designed to prepare you for a career in the social care sector.

Over two years, you'll develop the knowledge, skills and professional behaviours needed to work confidently in care settings, while also gaining practical experience through a required work placement.

## What you'll learn

This course covers a wide range of topics that reflect real roles and responsibilities within social care. You'll develop an understanding of person-centred care and the values that underpin professional practice.

Topics you'll study include:

- Working in social care
- The care and support planning process
- Values and behaviours in social care

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Learning disabilities
- Dementia awareness
- Health and safety
- Prevention and control of infection
- Personal and professional development

You'll study 23 core units over two years and complete a minimum of 50 hours of required work placement to gain experience in a real care environment.

## Assessments / Exams

You'll be assessed through an internally assessed portfolio of work, with assessment dates scheduled and marked by the curriculum team.

## Entry requirements

You will need to have GCSE Maths, English Language and two additional subjects at grade 4 (C) or above.

As part of the application process you will also be asked to explain why you want to study this course, so that we can ensure any course offer made aligns to your career goals.

## What this course leads to

On successful completion, you could progress into employment within the social care sector, including roles such as care worker, personal assistant, community support and outreach worker, or activities co-ordinator.

You may also progress into further education, including degrees in social care, health care, nursing, social work or counselling.

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