

Draft National Unit Specification



Unit title: Care: Values and Principles (National 5)

SCQF: level 5 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: to be advised

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is for the learner to understand the range of health and social care provision available to meet the needs of people requiring care. Learners will look at how needs are assessed. They will also reflect on the values required by care workers and develop an understanding of what it means to work as a professional in the care sector. Learners will gain an understanding of the key features of a positive care environment.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Investigate the importance of professional working relationships in maintaining a positive care environment

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Care (National 5) Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes* which provides advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in the *National Assessment Resource*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ Care (National 4) Course or relevant component Units
- ◆ Literacy (SCQF level 4)
- ◆ Numeracy (SCQF level 4)

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit. Further information on relevant experiences and outcomes will be given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

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Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Investigate the importance of professional working relationships in maintaining a positive care environment by:**
 - 1.1 Explaining the needs of an individual
 - 1.2 Describing how two methods of assessment could be used to identify these needs
 - 1.3 Investigating three care services and explaining how they could meet the needs of this individual
 - 1.4 Describing two features of a positive care environment in one of these care services
 - 1.5 Explaining professional values that a worker would demonstrate in one of these care services and the impact this would have on the service user
 - 1.6 Explaining how two national standards promote positive care in one of these care services and the impact this would have on the service user

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Further guidance on Assessment Standards:

- 1.1 The candidate may receive guidance and support from the teacher/lecturer as appropriate when choosing the individual to be investigated. This may take the form of providing a case study or a list of suggested sources of information from which the candidate can choose.
- 1.2 'Method of assessment' could include interview, observation, test, checklist, community care assessment, shared assessment, diary, logbook or any other relevant method
- 1.3 'Care services' could include voluntary, statutory and private services and could be from social, health, child or other care contexts.
- 1.4 'Positive care environment' could include organisational, physical, therapeutic, community or any other relevant feature
- 1.6 'National standard' could include National Care Standards published by a regulatory body, or any other relevant standards published by an appropriate organisation.

Assessment evidence can be drawn from a variety of sources and presented in a variety of formats. The evidence does not require to be achieved in one activity, but can be assembled from a variety of tasks and assessments carried out throughout the Course. Evidence may be presented for individual Outcomes or gathered for the Unit or Course as a whole by combining assessment holistically in one single activity.

Exemplification of assessment will be provided in the *National Assessment Resource*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

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Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

1.2 Writing

1.3 Listening and talking

3 Health and wellbeing

3.5 Relationships

5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information



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History of changes

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