

# Health & Social Care BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: L510 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2021/2022

Placement year opportunities available



## Course Overview

This degree offers you the chance to explore a wide range of Health and Social Care issues and debates from a range of different perspectives. It enables you to explore the many factors that impact upon Health and Social Care with a particular focus on social issues and experiences. The degree is ideal for those with an interest in health and social care and a desire to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

Throughout the degree students consider a range of key questions such as: What factors influence health and wellbeing? How do we address inequalities in health and social care? How can we safeguard vulnerable and marginalised groups?

By studying this degree, you will develop a thorough understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice. The degree has input from a wide range of frontline workers and you are able to develop the practical skills necessary for careers in Health and Social Care through work-based learning, work on case studies and projects within the local community. Taught by academics who are experts in their field, we aim to develop reflective, autonomous and responsible health and social care practitioners who are able to work with a range of service user groups.

## Entry Requirements

The standard offer level is 112 UCAS tariff points. Offers will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

## Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2021/2022 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: [www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)



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# Health and Social Care BA (Hons) Curriculum

## Year One

In your first year, you will study models and theories of health and wellbeing, and health and wellbeing policy. You explore the social and psychological approaches to health and social care, and investigate the different causes of health, wellbeing and illness and outcomes across social groups.

You will also learn about key health and wellbeing issues in the UK such as disability, mental health, obesity, cancer and addiction. Throughout the year, you develop your communications skills such as active listening and understanding empathy. You will also learn about values and ethics such as personal and professional values, social justice, rights and diversity, as well as looking at social issues from a service users perspective, for example an asylum seeker or adult who has experienced homelessness.

## Year Two

Your second year deepens your knowledge of public health in England and responses to public health challenges. You will learn about different types of health promotion and working with communities to improve health and wellbeing, including fieldwork and practical work.

You explore research methods used in health and wellbeing, as well as learning about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and social policy in social care.

You will develop your understanding of working with and safeguarding a range of service user groups. Your second year also includes a work based learning placement, where you spend a minimum of 50 hours getting work experience and then produce a reflective portfolio.

## Year Three

In your final year, you explore adult social care in a contemporary context. You will gain an understanding of working with children and young people in need, as well as learn skills in management and leadership in health and social care. Topics discussed with your tutors include global health and wellbeing issues such as infectious and non-infectious diseases, global mental health, the Global Health Policy, and the role of The World Health Organisation.

Your final year also includes a research project on a topic of your choice.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 20-25 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 15 students. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week, and in your second year, you will undertake a work placement.

In your first year, there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours each week studying independently, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

## ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your degree, you will have a number of assessments including portfolios, essays, community projects, and written exams. In your second year, you complete a work-based learning placement and in your final year, you will complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice, with guidance from your supervisor.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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