

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of		
	Medication in Health and Social Care		
Qualification number	601/3404/5		
(QN)			
Total qualification	150	Guided learning	120
time (TQT)		hours (GLH)	
Entry requirements	There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, but learners		
	must be at least 18 years of age.		

About this qualification

This qualification is designed for learners wishing to develop their understanding of the safe handling of medication. It provides the knowledge and understanding of:

- different types of medication and their use
- the procedures for obtaining, storing, administering and disposing of medication
- legislation and the audit process related to medication and issues of responsibility and accountability
- the record-keeping process for medication

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve four mandatory units.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 Understand medication and prescriptions (Y/601/9571)		
Unit 02 Supply, storage and disposal of medication (F/506/3800)		
Unit 03 Understand the requirements for the safe administration of medication (Y/506/3799)		
Unit 04 Record keeping and audit processes for medication (J/506/3801)		

Assessment

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured by a portfolio of evidence.

Progression opportunities

- further education:
 - Level 2 and 3 Diplomas in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England
 - Level 2 and 3 Diplomas in Clinical Healthcare Support
 - Level 2 and 3 Certificates in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
 - Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships in Healthcare Support Worker
 - o Level 2 Apprenticeship in Healthcare Science Assistant



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