

T Level Health - Children's Nursing

Course Overview

The Pearson T Level in Health: Supporting the Care of Children and Young People is a two-year Level 3 qualification, equivalent to three A Levels, designed for students who are passionate about working with children, young people and their families within healthcare settings. The course combines classroom-based learning with a substantial industry placement, enabling students to develop the knowledge, practical skills and professional behaviours needed to support children and young people with a range of healthcare needs. Students gain an understanding of child development, communication, safeguarding, person-centred care, health promotion and professional practice, while learning how to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary healthcare team. Throughout the programme, students develop the skills required to support children and young people before, during and after clinical or therapeutic procedures, while promoting their comfort, wellbeing and emotional needs. They learn the importance of working in partnership with parents, carers and other healthcare professionals to deliver safe, effective and compassionate care. The course combines theory with practical learning opportunities, including industry placement experiences and training within industry-standard simulation wards, allowing students to develop confidence and competence in realistic healthcare environments. Students are encouraged to develop strong communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills whilst gaining valuable insight into paediatric healthcare services. This qualification provides an excellent foundation for progression into healthcare employment, apprenticeships or higher education, including Children's Nursing, Adult Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and other health-related profession

What you will learn

During Year 1, students develop a broad understanding of the healthcare sector and the core knowledge required to work safely and effectively within health and care settings. They learn about health and safety, infection prevention and control, safeguarding, anatomy and physiology, person-centred care, equality, diversity and inclusion, communication and teamwork, and the professional responsibilities of healthcare practitioners. Students also explore ethical and legal frameworks within healthcare, health promotion, wellbeing, and the use of digital technologies and information management systems in modern healthcare environments. The programme develops students' understanding of how healthcare services support children, young people and their families, while building the communication, empathy and professionalism required when working with individuals of different ages and needs. Throughout the year, students apply their learning through practical activities, industry placement experiences and opportunities to develop skills within industry-standard simulation wards. This enables them to build confidence, competence and professional behaviours in preparation for the specialist children's healthcare content studied during Year 2.

During Year 2, students develop the specialist knowledge, skills and behaviours required to support children, young people and their families within a variety of healthcare settings. The occupational specialism focuses on three key areas: assisting with clinical tasks and treatments for children and young people, providing care and support before, during and after clinical or therapeutic procedures, and supporting parents, families and carers to meet the needs of children and young people. Students learn how to deliver safe, compassionate and person-centred care while recognising the physical, emotional and developmental needs of children and young people at different stages of life. They develop an understanding of the importance of family-centred care and effective communication with children, parents and carers. Students also gain experience of working collaboratively within multidisciplinary healthcare teams and learn how to support children and young people through a range of healthcare interventions and treatments. Through industry placements and practical learning opportunities within industry-standard simulation wards, students apply their knowledge in realistic healthcare scenarios, developing the confidence, professionalism and clinical skills required for progression into healthcare employment, apprenticeships or higher education, including Children's Nursing and other health-related professions

Entry Requirements

5 GCSE's at grade 4 and above. You must have English Language, maths and combined science. You will also need a DBS.

Course Fees

There are no tuition fees for T Levels if you start before you turn 19. To work with children and vulnerable adults, you need an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. This costs £44. This is a professional program. All students must wear a uniform in college and during placements. The uniform includes a pathways medical tunic (available from the college for £17.99*), black trousers (not leggings), and black shoes. If you receive the college's learner support fund, the college will cover the cost of your uniform. For more details about uniform requirements, contact the workplace coordinator or program lead. *Prices are correct as of December 2025 but may change.

Course Progression

Successful completion provides students with a wide range of opportunities for further study and employment within the health and care sector. The qualification develops the knowledge, skills and professional behaviours required to support children, young people and their families in healthcare settings, providing a strong foundation for future careers in healthcare. Students may progress directly into employment in roles such as Healthcare Support Worker, Children's Healthcare Support Worker, Paediatric Support Worker, Therapy

Course Details

Course Code	P01146
Start Date	07/09/2027
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	2 years
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	3

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Support Worker or other healthcare support roles within NHS trusts, community services and private healthcare organisations.

For those wishing to continue their studies, the qualification provides an excellent route into Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs), Level 4 and 5 healthcare programmes, Nursing Associate pathways, and a range of healthcare apprenticeships. Students can also progress to university degree programmes including Children's Nursing, Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Paramedic Science, and other allied health professions.

The combination of academic study, a minimum of 315 hours of industry placement and practical experience gained within industry-standard simulation wards helps students develop the confidence, resilience and professional skills required for success in higher education and the workplace. This T Level provides an excellent foundation for students aspiring to build a rewarding career caring for children, young people and families within the healthcare sector

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will need details of your qualifications to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to an interview at the College to meet key staff, learn more about your chosen course of study, and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.