

Sandwell Academy Health T Level (Adult Nursing)

WHAT IS A T LEVEL?

T Levels are new, two-year, technical study programmes, designed with employers to give young people the skills that industry needs. They are equivalent to 3 A Levels and will carry the equivalent number of UCAS points.

T Level study programmes will include the following mandatory elements:

- a 'core' set of underpinning knowledge, concepts and skills, tailored for their chosen industry and occupation: 'core content'
- specialist training covering occupational or industry-specific skills: 'occupational specialist content'
- an industry placement with an employer, which will last for a minimum of 45 working days

WHY HEALTH T LEVEL?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in health and healthcare. Career options might include working in a nursing team.

Students who achieve this qualification could progress to the following,

- employment:
- higher education
- apprenticeship

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics and GCSE English Language
- Grade 4,4 in Combined Science or grade 4 in Separate Science subjects (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- A Level 2 qualification in Health and Social Care may be beneficial but is not a requirement

COURSE DETAILS

T Level Technical Qualification in Health

The qualification in Health has 2 components:

- Core component (route and pathway)
- Occupational specialism component

Core Content

The core, comprising route and pathway core components, provides a variety of knowledge and skills relevant to the health route as a whole, as well as the occupational specialisms within the health pathway.

All students will develop a general understanding of health and science:

- working within the health and science sector
- health, safety and environmental regulations
- managing information and data
- principles of good scientific and clinical practice
- core science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and immunology

Students will also learn about topics specific to health, including:

- understanding the healthcare sector
- providing person-centred care
- supporting health and wellbeing
- further knowledge of both human anatomy and physiology and of diseases and disorders
- infection prevention and control

The core content is assessed through an examination and a practical employer-set project.

Occupational Specialism

In addition to the core content, you will complete the following occupational specialism:

• supporting the adult nursing team

Each occupational specialism component covers the knowledge, understanding, skills and behaviours required to achieve threshold competence in a chosen occupational specialism. Threshold competence refers to the level of competence deemed by employers as sufficient to secure employment in roles relevant to an occupational specialism. Achievement of threshold competence signals that a student is well placed to develop full occupational competence, with further support and development, once in work.

Industry Placement Experience

As part of the T Level qualification students are required to complete a minimum of 45 days/315 hours of industry placement. The industry placements are intended to provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for skilled employment in their chosen occupation and which are less easily attainable by completing a qualification alone.

Students will be supported by the Academy's careers department in securing their industry placements.

Assessment

To be awarded an overall T Level grade, a student must successfully pass both components of their technical qualification and an industry placement.

Component	Assessment method	Grade
Core	 100% externally assessed, set and marked by the NCFE 2 written examinations Employer-set project (ESP) 	A* to E and U Each core component's marks will be combined to form the overall grade for the core component.
Occupational specialism	 a case study assessment 2 practical activities assessments: one for the core: Supporting Healthcare, and one for the occupational specialism 	Distinction/Merit/Pass and Ungraded The marks from the occupational specialism assignment will form the occupational specialism
	a professional discussion	grade.