

# BSc (Hons) Health, Community and Social Care Studies



# Why study at Winchester?

There are many reasons to study at the University of Winchester – but the one to consider most is that you will become part of a safe and supportive community.

The University is located within walking distance of the city centre of Winchester, which is only one hour away from London by train. The campus is located in a beautiful wooded setting overlooking the South Downs.

We have excellent facilities for learning and teaching that are continually being updated to enhance the student experience. There is a vibrant Student Union, excellent sports facilities, a modern library and IT facilities across the campus.

At the University of Winchester we aim to provide campus or University Managed Accommodation to all first year full-time undergraduates who hold Winchester as their firm choice. In addition, we also endeavour to provide students from non-EU countries and students with disabilities a room on campus, not just for their first year, but for the duration of their course.

The culture of the University is informal and the emphasis is on you unlocking your potential, developing a clear sense of direction and becoming the best you can be in your chosen career.

Our graduates have a strong track record of finding employment after leaving the University. There is a dedicated Careers Service to provide advice and help you research career pathways and employers. They also organise recruitment fairs and workshops on how to write CVs and perform well at interview.



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## Why study Social Care, Health and Community Studies?

Being a skilled professional, working with vulnerable or marginalised adults or children, helping people reach their full potential, or promoting and supporting healthy lifestyles, has always been a satisfying and worthwhile job. The health and social care sectors are increasingly being asked to work cooperatively, creatively and dynamically across a whole spectrum of support and care needs for service users, often working away from state institutions, and directly within communities. In this expanding sector all branches of health and social care services are increasingly offering a wide range of challenging and diverse career options across the statutory, private and voluntary sectors. There are now around 1.5 million people employed in the social care sector alone - and this has been projected to increase to 3.1 million by 2025 in order to meet these challenges.

## What distinguishes our course from similar courses?

- Unlike some other courses in this field, our programme does not have a focus on professional roles such as nursing or social work, so we can offer you a much broader and holistic

approach to health and social care, and working with people within various communities.

- This course will be ideal for students who are clear that they want to work in the broad area of social care, health and community field, but do not yet wish to commit themselves specifically to roles within areas such as social work or nursing. Some future careers may require students to complete further professional 'post-graduate' qualifications - the University will be able to advise students on the best options open to them, in order to progress in more specific directions.
- The course offers time to reflect about career opportunities by keeping options open. Students have the opportunity to learn more about the sector, develop their understandings of empowering and service user led practice, and engage in personal self reflection about motivation, aptitudes, aspirations and interests.

## FACT FILE

Typical offer: 220-260 points

International Baccalaureate: 24 points

Degree duration:

3 years full-time

6 years part-time

If English is not your first language:

IELTS 6.0 (including 6.0 in writing) or a TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) or equivalent

CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) clearance is required

Applicants are recommended to seek relevant paid or voluntary work experience prior to application.

Entry requirements correct at time of print. For the most up to date entry requirements please visit our website at [www.winchester.ac.uk](http://www.winchester.ac.uk)

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### Who is this course for?

The course has been designed for;

- students who have recently completed Level 3 programmes at college (or equivalent such as Access to HE), and want to explore the broader health or social care field;
- mature students with personal or professional experience in health or care settings who wish to further develop their knowledge and skills;
- anyone with an interest in this area of study – you may be retired, working in a voluntary organisation or just have an interest in health and social care.

### Study options

The degree is offered as a Combined Honours programme with options available at Level 5. Level 4 is foundational and students are introduced to those aspects of the social and behavioural sciences that underpin practice. Students also explore the social policy context of health and social care and develop the interpersonal skills which are essential to effective practice. Students also learn key study skills, such as time management, conducting information

searches and guidelines for academic writing. Level 5 enables students to focus on specific issues concerning aspects of health and social care, and communities, and Level 6 focuses on aspects of management, practice and coordination of care services.

- Students will develop the knowledge and understanding needed to be an effective worker in inter-disciplinary and multi-agency working across a range of communities and care settings.
- You will develop a portfolio of skills by gaining valuable transferable skills - academically, personally and professionally - giving you the knowledge and confidence you will need for future employment.
- The course also includes the opportunity for you to complete a period of voluntary activity in an appropriate setting of your own choosing. This experience represents a valuable learning opportunity, helping to demonstrate your professional competence and commitment to future employers.



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### Modules

**Level 4 (Year 1 Full Time)** contextualises the programme through modules which include; Developing Academic Skills; Health and Social Care - Policy and Politics; Social Care - Values and Virtues; Care and Community - International Contexts; Contemporary Health; Understanding Human Behaviour ; Communicating with Individuals and Groups; Community and Community Development; Health Promotion; Sociology of Health and Social Care.

**Level 5 (Year 2 Full Time)** explores specific health and social care issues including; Caring Communities; Doing Social Research; Volunteering Module; Understanding Intellectual Disabilities; Physical impairment; Growing Older; Autism; Issues in Mental Health; Dementia; Sensory Impairment.

**Level 6 (Year 3 Full Time)** completes the programme by considering the practical issues in providing services through modules including; Critical Health and Social Care Practice; Leadership, Management and Entrepreneurship; Empowerment and Advocacy; Law and Ethics; Opportunities and Agendas in Community Development; Multi Agency Working; Final Year Project.

### Teaching team

The team is made up of academic staff, who have a wide range of practice experience in different health, social care and community settings. We are supported by guest lecturers who bring particular experience and expertise to the programme. We are committed to the following principles:-

- The study of health and social care relates to a state of physical, mental and social well-being, and isn't restricted to issues of 'disease' or 'infirmity'.
- A commitment to practice that is empowering for service users and communities, and which values services' users, carers and communities perceptions of their own needs.
- The importance of participation and working in partnership with members of "vulnerable" or "marginalized" groups.
- Collaborative and creative working with colleagues in the health and social care sector, principally the service providers, carers, service users and communities.



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#### Career opportunities

Our graduates have the knowledge and understanding to develop careers working with children, families, people who use substances such as drugs or alcohol, disabled people, older people, people with learning disabilities and people with mental health difficulties. Moreover, as qualifications become increasingly important in this sector, and with an increasing need for workers to understand the dynamics of effective practice based in communities, our students are well placed to progress in a challenging and rewarding career. Graduates have taken up employment in a variety of settings, working in residential or daycare services, with the NHS, Social Services or voluntary and private service providers.



# Explore the Winchester experience

Open Days are a great way to find out more about the course that you are interested in. It is also an opportunity to explore the campus and meet tutors and current students to discover what studying at Winchester is all about.

To find out when the next Open Day is visit [www.winchester.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.winchester.ac.uk/opendays) or contact the Student Recruitment team.

At the event, academics from all of our programmes will be around campus giving sessions about your subject of interest. Each of the sessions will include an overview of the course, entry requirements, the application process and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

Student Union representatives will also be available so you can find out more about Winchester's sports clubs, societies and community involvement.

As part of the campus tour you will see the halls of residence and the West Downs Student Village and find out more about living in Winchester. You will also be told about the student support services and scholarships and bursaries that are on offer.

If you miss any of the Open Days or are unavailable to attend – you can arrange a Campus Tour instead by contacting the Student Recruitment team.

## Student Recruitment

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# Finding out more...

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