

Course Information

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Safe Handling of Medicines

Who is the course suitable for?

It is suitable for anyone working or wishing to work in a health and social care context. It is also appropriate for care workers working towards the National Care Standards at Induction and Foundation levels. You do not need to have any formal qualifications in order to follow this course but you will need to demonstrate commitment and motivation to work through the specially prepared distance -learning materials.

Course aims

The course aims to provide learners with the opportunity to gain an increased understanding of the use of medication and its possible side effects and to enhance their knowledge of safe administration of medication.

What is included in the course?

The course will cover the following topics:

- An introduction to medicines and prescriptions
- Medicine supply, storage and disposal
- The safe administration of medication
- Quality control and record keeping
- Accountability, responsibility and confidentiality

Course delivery and assessment

You will be provided with a series of workbooks for the programme which you can work through at your own pace, and at times convenient to you – so there is no need to attend the college to gain the qualification. The workbooks contain the knowledge you require to progress towards achieving the qualification with activities to allow you to practise skills and test your learning.

You will work through the learning materials and complete assessment tasks at the end of each unit. Learning activities and assessments are based on a combination of knowledge and skills learned on the programme and work-based activities and experience.

On successful completion of the 5 units you will be awarded a certificate.

Tutor support

You will have access to a tutor who will support you throughout the programme. Your tutor will agree a schedule of work with you that suit your particular circumstances. Typically the programme can be completed in 12–20 weeks. You will be entitled to receive a minimum of 8.5 hours of 1:1 support throughout the programme. You will be able to contact your tutor and/or the college for help, support and guidance at any stage of the course. Your tutor will provide you with detailed feedback on your work.

Progression opportunities

On completion you could progress on to a range of programmes including NVQs in Care, Working with Older People, Manual Handling and Infection Control.

Cost

Free.