

GCE Health and Social Care (Single and Double Award) Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below details any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions for Summer 2021.

Please note: This applies only to candidates entering in Summer 2021

Content	Assessment	Single Award Weightings	Double Award Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
<p>AS 1: Promoting Quality Care</p> <p>Compulsory for AS Single and Double Award</p>	<p>Internal assessment</p> <p>Students produce a written report based on practice in a health, social care or early years setting that they have experienced.</p> <p>Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.</p>	<p>25% of AS</p> <p>10% of A level</p>	<p>12.5% of AS</p> <p>5% of A level</p>	<p>The requirement for student placements in Health, Social Care or Early Years settings has been removed. Alternative guidance will be provided by CCEA.</p>
<p>AS 2: Communication in Health, Social Care and Early Years Settings</p> <p>Compulsory for AS Single and Double Award</p>	<p>Internal assessment</p> <p>Students produce a written report on communication in a health, social care or early years setting.</p> <p>Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.</p>	<p>25% of AS</p> <p>10% of A level</p>	<p>12.5% of AS</p> <p>5% of A level</p>	<p>The requirement for student placements in Health, Social Care or Early Years settings has been removed. Alternative guidance will be provided by CCEA.</p>

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AS 3: Health and Well-Being Compulsory for AS Single and Double Award	External written examination 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.	50% of AS 20% of A level	25% of AS 10% of A level	No adaptations
AS 4: Safeguarding Children Compulsory for AS Double Award and A level Double Award	Internal assessment Students produce a written report and an information resource for staff working in an early years setting. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.		12.5% of AS 5% of A level	No adaptations
AS 5: Adult Service Users	External written examination 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.		25% of AS 10% of A level	No adaptations
AS 6: Holistic Therapies Compulsory for AS Double Award and A level Double Award	Internal assessment Students produce a written report in the use of holistic therapies in managing a medical condition and in care settings. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.		12.5% of AS 5% of A level	No adaptations

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AS 7: Understanding the Physiology of Health and Illness	External written examination 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.		25% of AS 10% of A level	No adaptations
A2 1: Applied Research Compulsory for A level Double Award only	Internal assessment Students produce a research report on a health and social care or early years topic of their own choosing. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	15% of A level	7.5% of A level	No adaptations
A2 2: Body Systems and Physiological Disorders Compulsory for A level Double Award only	Internal assessment Students carry out a practical investigation of the physiological status of individuals and research the diagnosis and treatment of a disorder. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	15% of A level	7.5% of A level	No adaptations
A2 3: Providing Services Compulsory for A level Single and Double Award	External written examination based on pre-release material 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.	30% of A level	15% of A level	New pre-release available in February 2021

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A2 4: Public Health and Health Promotion Compulsory for A level Double Award only	Internal assessment Students produce a report on public health issues and how they are being addressed in Northern Ireland, undertake a health promotion activity and report their findings. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	15% of A level	7.5% of A level	No adaptations
A2 5: Supporting the Family Compulsory for A level Double Award only	Internal assessment Students produce a review of changes to family structure, a case study and a report on services for families experiencing issues. Teachers mark the tasks and we moderate the results.	15% of A level	7.5% of A level	No adaptations
A2 6: Understanding Human Behaviour	External written examination 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.		15% of A level	No adaptations
A2 7: Human Nutrition and Health	External written examination 2 hours Students answer three compulsory questions.		15% of A level	No adaptations

For candidates who started their GCE course in September 2019 and hope to achieve a GCE qualification level grade in Summer 2021, they will be awarded a grade based on their performance in their A2 units only.

If a candidate decides they wish to re-enter for the corresponding AS units, they will be awarded the higher of two options:

- a) the grade based on the outcome of the A2 exams; or
- b) the grade based on the outcome of the AS and A2 exams together.

Candidates who commenced their course in September 2019 and wish to re-enter AS units must enter for all AS units.

For candidates commencing their GCE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.