

## Level 2 Certificate in **Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Health and Social Care**

### Key info

**Type of qualification:** QCF

**Guided Learning Hours:** 120

**Credit Value:** 15

### Course overview

**The NHS spent more than £13 billion on medicines in 2012 and experts believe that more than 50% of all medication is prescribed, dispensed or sold inappropriately every single year. Furthermore, half of all patients in the UK fail to take their medication correctly. These facts can often lead to disastrous consequences, especially when medication ends up in the wrong hands.**

By completing this course, you will not only gain a nationally recognised qualification, but will develop and improve your knowledge and skills in the handling of medication in health and social care.



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### Who is suitable?


This qualification is ideal for anyone who works in the healthcare sector or anyone who wishes to work in this sector in the future. The qualification is also suitable for anyone who handles medication while in a caring role.

### Learning method

Studying via distance learning means you can choose when and where you study.

This course is available:

 **Paper-based**

 **Paper-based learning with online assessments.**

The online course is available on The Skills Network's online learning platform, **EQUAL**. Online learning with a difference, **EQUAL** features:

- **Exciting and engaging content**
- **Interactivity – featuring videos and games to enhance learning**
- **Virtual tutors who offer hints, tips and guidance throughout the course.**

### What you will learn

**This course is split into four manageable units, covering topics such as:**

- Understanding medication and prescriptions
- The supply, storage and disposal of medication
- The requirements for the safe administration of medication
- Record keeping and audit processes for medication administration and storage.

### Benefits

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Create a long-standing career pathway within the health and social care industry
- Courses are delivered as distance learning, allowing learners to choose when and where to study
- Personal tutors are assigned to ensure learners have the support needed to succeed.

no exams  
just assessments