

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

Level 2 :: 120glh :: 15 credits

Poor practice in relation to the administration of medicines can lead to serious errors being made and ultimately cause injury to people using health and social care services. Therefore, it's essential that care staff understand procedures for handling medicines safely and that they follow safe practice guidelines when dealing with medicine administration.

This qualification aims to develop learners' knowledge of the safe handling of medicines within a health and social care context. It provides an introduction to the various medicines learners are likely to encounter in a work environment, covering how medication is supplied and administered, and the possible side effects. The programme explores the procedures for obtaining, storing and disposing of medicines and the legislation surrounding these three areas. It also emphasises the importance of the audit process and issues surrounding responsibility, accountability and confidentiality.

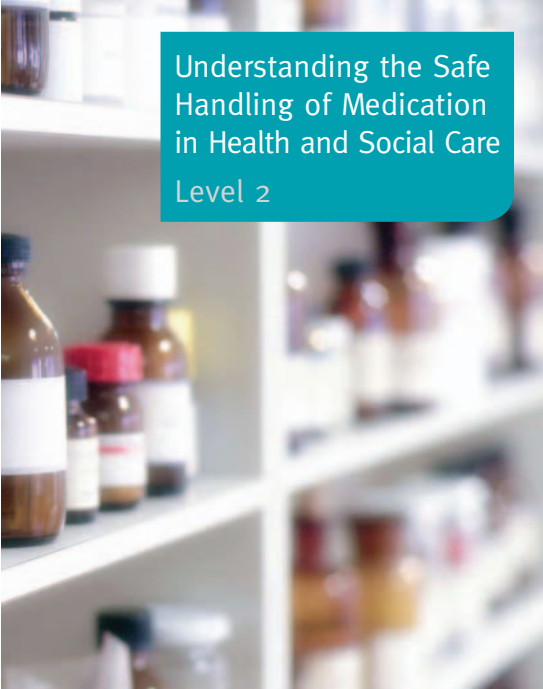
## Who is it for?

This course is designed for learners aged 18 or over, who wish to develop their knowledge of the safe handling of medicines. It is ideal for those who are already employed in a health and social care context, who wish to study the programme as part of their own continuous professional development.

## What are the benefits of doing this course?

As a distance learning course, Hallmark's programme can be completed at times and locations suited to the learner, making it perfect for those who may have irregular working hours and for whom attending college on a regular basis would be difficult. By working through this programme, learners will develop an understanding of their responsibilities in the workplace and the procedures they should follow when handling medicines. This will help to protect against common errors in relation to medicines and support safe working practices.





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## Course content

The Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Health and Social Care comprises two concise module workbooks which cover the learning outcomes of the following units:

### *Module A*

Understand medication and prescriptions

(Credit value: 3) (Y/601/9571)

Record keeping and audit processes for medication

(Credit value: 4) (J/506/3801)

### *Module B*

Supply, storage and disposal of medication

(Credit value: 3) (F/506/3800)

Understand the requirements for the safe administration of medication

(Credit value: 5) (Y/506/3799)

Each unit contains activities and assessments designed to cover the specific learning outcomes.

## Progression opportunities

By undertaking this programme, learners will be able to further their own continuous professional development, which may improve their career prospects, or progress on to further qualifications, such as courses in health and social care or related subjects. Please go to [www.hallmarkeducation.org.uk](http://www.hallmarkeducation.org.uk) for details of relevant Hallmark programmes.

## Information for learning centres:

### **Qualification reference number:**

601/3404/5

### **Awarding organisation:**

NCFE (see [www.ncfe.org.uk](http://www.ncfe.org.uk))

## Entry requirements

Learners must be aged 18 or over in order to enrol on the course, but otherwise there are no specific entry requirements for this programme.

## Course delivery and assessment

Hallmarks's materials comprise a set of high-quality activity workbooks, which have been produced to suit a range of delivery methods. These materials have been officially endorsed by the relevant awarding organisation as meeting the requirements of the qualification.

Learners will be provided with all the necessary workbooks to complete the programme and will have the opportunity to work through a series of reflective tasks and activities designed to reinforce the learning process and test their knowledge. The learning materials also include an assessment, which allows learners to demonstrate achievement of all learning outcomes associated with each unit. A comprehensive tutor guide is supplied to accompany these materials.

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