



M O R A Y   C O L L E G E

**HNC Social Care**  
**Course Information**  
(English)

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# Social Care

## Awards Available

Higher National Certificate in Social Care

1 Year Course

## Structure of Awards

*Higher National Certificate* is a qualification in its own right and can also count as the first year of a degree programme. Students are normally expected to achieve 15 HN credits = 60 ECTS = 120 Scotcat credits during the academic year. The academic year is divided into two semesters (See college calendar).

## Teaching Methods

Classes consist of lectures and tutorials. Occasionally lectures may be delivered by videoconferencing. Students may be expected to work on placement as part of their course.

## Assessment Procedures

*Higher National Certificate*

The course is assessed using continuous assessment for each subject + one integrated unit for the whole course.

## Recommended Reading

For information regarding background reading and other course information please contact the Head of the Division of Social Care:

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# Course Information - HNC Social Care

The Higher National Certificate in Social Care is a one-year course delivered at Moray College from September to the following June. The course incorporates at least 60 days of supervised work placement during which students are expected to develop and demonstrate competence in the workplace.

The HNC in Social Care is designed for people who want to follow a career in social care or who wish to progress to a Degree in Social Work or other higher-level qualifications.

## MANDATORY UNITS

Unit Title	Scotcat Points	ECTS Credit	HNC Credit Value	Semester	Comments
Social Care Theory for Practice	16	8	2	1&2	Theories, methods and values of social care
Social Policy and its Application to Social Services Provision	8	4	1	1	Legislative process
Psychology for Social Care Practice	8	4	1	1	Introduction to psychology and its application in care
Sociology for Social Care Practice	8	4	1	2	Introduction to sociology and its application in care
Social Care: group award Graded Unit 1	8	4	1	1&2	Integrated unit
Promote Effective Communication for and about Individuals	8	4	1	1&2	Scottish Vocational Qualification unit
Promote, Monitor and Maintain Health, Safety and Security in the Working Environment	8	4	1	1&2	Scottish Vocational Qualification unit
Reflect on and Develop your Practice	8	4	1	1&2	Scottish Vocational Qualification unit

## OPTIONAL UNITS

Unit Title	Scotcat Points	ECTS Credit	HNC Credit Value	Semester	Comments
Protection of Individuals from Possible Harm and Abuse	8	4	1	1	Prevention of abuse and exploitation
Promote Choice, Well-being and the Protection of all Individuals	8	4	1	1&2	Scottish Vocational Qualification unit
Promote the Well-being and Protection of Children and Young People	4	4	1	1&2	Scottish Vocational Qualification unit
Mental Health Issues in a Care Setting	8	4	1	2	Theories and practice in mental health
Understanding Loss & the Process of Grief	8	4	1	2	Understanding the process of grief and offering support
Understanding Dementia	8	4	1	2	Understanding dementia and planning care
Understanding and Supporting Behaviour	8	4	1	2	Dealing with behaviour which challenges services







(1) **Course unit code:**

Refer to the ECTS information Package

(2) **Duration of course unit:**

Y = 1 full academic year

1S = 1 semester                      2S = 2 semesters

1T = 1 term/trimester            2T = 2 terms/trimesters

(3) **Description of the institutional grading system:**

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(4) **ECTS grading scale:**

ECTS Grade	% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Definition (only of failing grades)
A	10	
B	25	
C	30	
D	25	
E	10	
FX	-	FAIL – some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	-	FAIL – considerable further work is required

(5) **ECTS credits:**

1 full academic year = 60 credits

1 semester = 30 credits

1 term/trimester = 20 credits