

MINI GUIDE

Health & Social Studies

Take your first step.





Find your future and turn positive impact into a rewarding career that can lead you to opportunities where you can make a real difference.

Get one step ahead and take the path towards a fulfilling career in a number of care settings, helping you to play a key role in patients' and individuals lives and wellbeing.

We offer a number of courses and hands-on experience in specialist areas such as nursing and reablement. Start your journey today.

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Our MISSION is to support the individual, social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.

Joanna Campbell - Principal & CEO



Gain the skills you need to take you where you want to go.

Whether you want to:

build your future

change your career

learn something new

We will provide you with the **tools to excel** with a **real skill-based route** into the **workplace** or a **positive destination** onto **further education**.



Ways you can study with DGC ↓



College Academy

Start your journey from school and you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.



Study options to suit everyone

From full-time, part-time or over just a few days, choose your course and way to study.



Study locally

helping you save on associated study costs such as travel, accomodation and more.



Earn qualifications

at every stage of study, building your path to success.










Access routes

to university and further your options with support at every step.



College services and support ↓

As a student you have a number of services and facilities available to support and help you throughout your course at our campuses*

-  **Library resources**
-  **Student support**
-  **Learning zones**
-  **Coffee and snack areas**
-  **Shop and canteen**
-  **Gym**
-  **Training workshops**
-  **Training Restaurant**
-  **Green Energy Centre & STEM Hub**
-  **Digital Care Hub**

* Please note: gym, canteen, shop, green energy centre and digital care hub are exclusive to Dumfries campus.



 **Stranraer Campus**



 **Dumfries Campus**

From **student advisors** to **funding teams**, our aim is to provide you with a quality service so that you will have a **range of skills, support and the knowledge** required to successfully complete your course.

 **For further info on all our student services, check out our portal**

Whether you want to become a nurse or social worker, a career in health care could be for you.

Care is at the very heart of our society, helping the vulnerable and those that need it most feel safe, secure, and supported in a range of professional and individual health care settings.

From the elderly to small children, it's important that everyone is supported by a range of services, skills and that levels of care are maintained.

Studying care can help you to learn all the necessary skills to excel in this growing sector, giving you valuable experience, honing your skills and nurturing your instincts to make you an inspirational care provider in whatever you choose to do.



Did you know ↓

Studying care can open up a range of fulfilling options as the sector in Scotland and in the region are investing resources in improving healthcare environments and support services. Opening up new pathways to a rewarding career or training opportunities to boost existing qualifications, making care a prime destination to develop and grow.

Study with us to enjoy:



Access to world class learning facilities

Our state-of-the-art digital care hub is an invaluable teaching tool and space, giving you the opportunity to experience a real-life care setting with our simulated care flat – featuring top of the range modifications you would expect to see in a care setting.



Real experiences of work

Our courses are designed to provide you with the skills and hands-on experiences you need by giving you the chance to put your skills into practice through real time projects and work placements.



Support from highly-trained staff

Our lecturing and care support staff will help you learn the academic theory and practical skills needed whilst helping you to develop your core skills, giving you all you need to get ahead and succeed.



A route to a viable career

with a qualification in your chosen specialism, you could become a care assistant, social worker or even go on to shape the future of care provision and practice.

Where health & social studies could take you ↓

Career Options

As 95% of our students go onto positive destinations*, a qualification could lead to the following careers:

Social workers

are caring individuals who support vulnerable people and safeguard them from harm. They work closely with communities and other health professionals to determine what is the best course of action for a person. It can often be a challenging role for social workers as they need to be patient and have the confidence to make tough decisions.



Healthcare Assistant

also known as Nurse Assistants, take care of patients on a day-to-day basis making sure they are comfortable. They are very patient people who understand and are sensitive to patients with medical problems. Healthcare Assistants can help feed, wash, dress and take blood samples of individuals for doctors and nurses. They could work in hospitals, care homes and GP surgeries.



Adult Nurse

Care for patients who are suffering from any illnesses or conditions. They support individuals with dependable care and are often the main point of contact for them. They have a lot of knowledge about the human body and illnesses using their academic knowledge along with their experience to confidently make decisions and explain to individuals what action needs to be taken.



*Information taken from our Student Satisfaction and Leavers Destinations Survey 2022-23



The above is just a small section of the many careers available in the industry. Salaries can vary greatly, ranging from £18,000 to £30,000 + depending on what's required in the role.

Onward Study

A qualification could lead you to some of the following possible degree options:

- Degree in Integrated Health and Social Care BA (Hons)
- Degree in Adult Nursing BSc
- Degree in Mental Health Nursing BSc

If you are thinking about progressing to onward study, check with your chosen university for requirements before applying with UCAS.

Each place will have specific entry criteria and availability.



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// The content of the course was excellently explained, and the quantity and quality of support was brilliant. I am very appreciative of the colleges provision of the course; it has provided knowledge and skills that I am certain will be of great benefit to my future endeavours

Stranraer Development Trust - *First Aid for Mental Health*




Get one step ahead. Choose your course ↓

We provide a first-class further and higher education, offering a large range of courses and qualifications available for students at any life stage that are delivered by teaching and support staff who genuinely care about what they do.

We have a route to suit every level and mode of study, allowing you to build your future, to change your career, or prepare for a better tomorrow, helping you get one step ahead.

If you are unsure of which course is best to apply for, or how to apply – don't forget we have a very knowledgeable and helpful Admissions team here at the college ready to help you.



**Check out all
our courses
here!**

➤ admissions@dumgal.ac.uk



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// Don't wait for the right
opportunity. **Create it.**
George Bernard Shaw ✨ //

Quick guide to applying ↓

1. Search for your course

Search our courses at www.dumgal.ac.uk or click the link.

2. Apply online

Once you find the course that's right for you, hit the apply now button. Courses fill up fast, don't delay.



Our full-time courses start in August.


Check online for start dates for other courses or study at a time that suits you with open learning.

If you need help applying, you can check out our handy 'how to apply' page [here](#)

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