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Health & Social Care

Whilst studying Health & Social Care, you will have the opportunity to develop both your academic skills and your practical skills in various settings including Hospitals, Care Homes, Nurseries, and Schools. This will help you understand the various roles within the Health & Social Care sector. In college, you will be supported to develop an in-depth knowledge of different Health & Social Care settings, job roles and key employable attributes such as communication, equality & diversity, and infection control.

We have prepared a range of activities below that will help give you an understanding of the Health & Social Care sector and we will discuss these topics in further detail once your course has started.

Please send your completed work to applicants@knowsleycollege.ac.uk with the subject line 'Completed Health & Social Care Applicant Activity'

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards,
Health & Social Care Tutors

'Infection Control' Activity

As we are all aware of the current pandemic, this is a perfect chance to talk about the importance of infection control and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). To work in any H&SC environment, you have a responsibility to yourself and others to prevent the possible spread of an infectious agent i.e. Coronavirus.

A good example of Infection Control is to ensure that you maintain a level of hygiene that would prevent the possible transmission of an infectious agent. A useful website to research this topic is www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Task

Back in 2020, the NHS were in urgent need of PPE and everyone had a duty to follow the social distancing guidelines that the Government had set out.

Q1) We would like you to conduct research to determine 'what will the impact of the Coronavirus have on Health & Social Care?'

We would like you to think about:

- What is a pandemic?
- What are the current signs and symptoms of Coronavirus?
- What do we mean by social distancing?
- Give 3 examples of how **you** have put into practice, social distancing.

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Q2) We would like you to conduct research to determine the importance of the NHS & infection control.

- What year was the NHS formed?
- What is the main aim and role of the NHS?
- What are the NHS guidelines for correct handwashing techniques? (provide images if possible).

Q3) We would like you to conduct research to determine the importance of PPE and the differences between healthcare and social care.

- Give 3 examples of PPE that should be worn to protect against Coronavirus
- What is the difference between healthcare and social care? To answer this, you will need to give examples of settings for both, careers in both and the role of both healthcare and social care.

Your research should then be constructed into a written piece that responds to each question outlined above. It should be approximately two pages, in font size 12 and can include images/graphs and comments taken from relevant websites.

Do not forget that you can read documents, newspapers, watch TV and listen to the radio – not all research needs to be carried out on the internet. ***Remember to make a reference list identifying the sources of information that you have used. For example: -***

Reference List

- NHS website used for handwashing technique
- Gov website used for use of PPE
- BBC News used for social distancing measures
- Radio Merseyside used for Coronavirus symptoms