

New qualifications in Health Informatics

Development of new informatics qualifications

Skills for Health in consultation with Awarding Bodies and key stakeholders, has developed two new qualifications for anyone new to the area of informatics in the health sector (see www.hicf.org.uk for further information). These qualifications, which are based on National Occupational Standards developed by Skills for Health, will give recognition to those working in areas such as records and data management and provide a spring board into a wide range of roles in and for the NHS where information handling is a key responsibility. They will be available from City & Guilds from September 2010 and the Open University Awarding Body in early 2011. A new Apprenticeship framework at Level 2 for Health Informatics will be available from January 2011.

Qualification structures to achieve the Level 2 qualification in Health Informatics

Level 2 Award in Health Informatics

- Learners must gain 12 credits from the mandatory units.

Level 2 Certificate in Health Informatics

- Learners must gain 18 credits of which 12 credits must come from the mandatory units and a minimum of 6 credits from the optional units.

Health Informatics Units

The table below shows the unit titles, the credit value of each unit followed by the list of excluded and exempt combination of units.

Accreditation unit reference	Unit title	Mandatory/ optional for full qualification	Credit value	Level
M/602/0953	Essentials in health informatics	Mandatory	2	2
Y/601/2488	Research information	Mandatory	4	2
R/601/2487	Organise and report data	Mandatory	3	2
R/601/2490	Store and retrieve information	Mandatory	3	2
R/502/4256	IT security for users	Optional	1	1
Y/502/4257	IT security for users	Optional	2	2
L/502/4207	IT user fundamentals	Optional	3	2
Y/502/4291	IT communication fundamentals	Optional	2	1
D/502/4292	IT communication fundamentals	Optional	2	2
J/502/4559	Data management software	Optional	3	2
F/502/4396	Bespoke software	Optional	3	2
R/502/4399	Specialist software	Optional	3	2

Please note: excluded combination of units

Candidates may *not* include the same unit at more than one level in any qualification. Only the *highest level* will be counted if a candidate takes both qualifications.