

Health Sciences

Autism Awareness

This qualification is designed to support progression within employment in a variety of sectors and in a number of job roles where an understanding of autism and knowledge of how to support autistic individuals is required.

| When does this start and end? | What are the entry requirements? | Need more information? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 February 2026 - 20 May 2026 | You will need a GCSE in English Grade 9-4 (A*-C) or Functional Skills English Level 2. Previous experience in the subject, through work or education, is desirable. | You can find out more about Northern College and the courses on offer by calling us on 01226 776000 or emailing us courses@northern.ac.uk |

Course description

The objectives of this qualification are to understand: how to adopt a positive approach to supporting autistic individuals.

- the current legislative framework relating to autistic individuals and how different theories have developed over time
- how to support and manage transitions for autistic individuals the range of therapeutic interventions and support available for autistic individuals and co-occurring conditions
- how to support communication and social interaction for autistic individuals
- how to develop an understanding of how autistic individuals may be vulnerable and the support worker's role and responsibilities relating to safeguarding according to legislative requirements.

What can this course lead to?

Completing this qualification could support progression with or into the following areas of employment:

- healthcare and social care
- education and training
- childcare and early years

This course could lead onto the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support
- Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning
- Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training

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Course session dates

Session dates for 24 February 2026 - 20 May 2026

- Monday 27 Apr 2026 to Tuesday 28 Apr 2026

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