

## How do I become a Healthcare Assistant?

### Step 1 – The Necessary Qualification

The **Learning Pathway** to become a **Healthcare Assistant** involves obtaining the **Level 5 Healthcare Support Major Award** - QQI code 5M4336.

This award is obtained by **completing 8 modules** within the Healthcare Curriculum.

Four modules are **mandatory**, while three are **elective** to obtain this QQI Major Award.

However, to work within the **HSE** there are 8 Mandatory modules required.

### Step 2 – Choose your Modules

**Choose** the 8 **modules** you are going to **complete** in accordance with your current career or chosen profession as per the below structure. For further information on each of these modules please click on the relevant tile on the website, or on the links below.

#### Module Structure:

Component/Certificate	Accreditation/Level	Mandatory/ Elective
<a href="#">Communications</a>	QQI Level 5 5N0690	<b>Mandatory</b>
<a href="#">Work Experience</a>	QQI Level 5 5N1356	<b>Mandatory</b>
<a href="#">Care Skills</a>	QQI Level 5 5N2770	<b>Mandatory</b>
<a href="#">Care Support</a>	QQI Level 5 5N0758	<b>Mandatory</b>
<a href="#">Safety &amp; Health at Work</a>	QQI Level 5 5N1794	<b>Mandatory</b>
<a href="#">Care of the Older Person</a>	QQI Level 5 5N2706	<b>Elective (Mandatory for HSE)</b>
<a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control</a>	QQI Level 5 5N3734	<b>Elective (Mandatory For HSE)</b>
<a href="#">Palliative Care</a>	QQI Level 5 5N3769	<b>Elective (Mandatory For HSE)</b>

Additional Modules	Accreditation/Level	Mandatory/ Elective
<a href="#">Activities of Living Patient Care</a>	QQI Level 5 5N3707	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Anatomy and Physiology</a>	QQI Level 5 5N0749	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Care Provision and Practice</a>	QQI Level 5 5N2705	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Intellectual Disability Studies</a>	QQI Level 5 5N1652	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Nursing Theory and Practice</a>	QQI Level 5 5N4325	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Nutrition</a>	QQI Level 5 5N2006	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Person Centred Focus to Disability</a>	QQI Level 5 5N1728	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Recovery in Mental Health</a>	QQI Level 5 5N3773	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Social Studies</a>	QQI Level 5 5N1370	<b>Elective</b>
<a href="#">Understanding Mental Health</a>	QQI Level 5 5N3772	<b>Elective</b>

### Step 3 – Book your Modules

You can choose to **book all 8 modules** together:

Click on the '**Healthcare Support Major Award QQI L5**' link below. The benefit of this option is that you will receive a discounted rate for booking all 8 modules together.

**Alternatively**, you can choose to **book** each module **individually**:

Click on the relevant module tile on the website, or on the links above and book your first module.

Different learning delivery options are also detailed in this section.

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