



Health and Social Care

BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Edexcel)

Why study this subject?

The course is ideal for those who are unsure of specific potential career pathways, as it provides a broader understanding of the sector, with the possibility to specialise in areas such as caring for children, adults with special needs and the elderly. There are many employment opportunities in the Health and Social Care sector such as youth workers, counsellors and health professionals.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements page on the school website.

Content

There are three mandatory units:

Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development;

Unit 2 Working in Health & Social Care;

Unit 5 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs;

One optional unit:

Unit 12 Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs

The course involves 360 Guided Learning Hours (GLH) and is equivalent to one A Level. It is possible to combine it with other vocational or academic qualifications, giving the opportunity for learners to create an individual learning experience, tailored towards particular career aspirations.

Assessment

The qualification is both externally (58%) and internally (42%) assessed.

- Unit 1 is externally assessed by a written exam (1.5 hours) set and marked by Pearson.
- Unit 2 is externally assessed by a written exam (1.5 hours) set and marked by Pearson.
- Units 5 and 12 are coursework units internally assessed and externally verified by Pearson.

Future courses and possible careers

The BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care has the equivalence of one A Level, and it is possible to progress into further or higher education, as the BTEC National Extended Certificate carries UCAS points for university applications dependent upon the final grade awarded.

If successful there are a variety of potential careers that you can explore, all of which will benefit from your studies, for example: Teaching, Psychology, Midwifery, Social Work, Health Care or Occupational Health. The UCAS points gained from this course can be used to apply for courses not related to Health and Social Care.

For further information about the qualification please visit this website:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html>