

Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

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Course Outline:

This Health and Social Care Level 3 BTEC course is equivalent to one A-Level and is awarded the same UCAS points as one A-Level, recognised by all universities. You must achieve a pass grade or above in all units and will be awarded at pass, merit or distinction level.

Year 12:

Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development

This an externally examined unit which examines the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human life span and the factors affecting development. This content will serve as an introduction to health and social care needs and so will sit at the heart of the qualification.

You will sit the paper in January. It is a 1 hour 30 minute written paper and comprises 25% of the overall BTEC grade.

Unit 5 – Meeting Individual Care Needs

You will focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individual's care and support needs, which are the foundation of all care disciplines. You will be issued with four task assignments which will be completed in controlled conditions. They will relate to case studies, and you will need to investigate, carry out research and apply your knowledge and learning to a range of tasks that simulate activities and job roles in the health and social care field.

This unit is internally assessed in May and comprises 25% of the overall BTEC grade.

Year 13:

Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care

This is an externally examined unit which explores what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations. These include maintaining the safety of and safeguarding individuals with health and social care needs, making sure that you properly handle their personal information and preventing discrimination towards them.

You will sit this paper in January. It is a 1 hour 30 minute written paper and comprises 33% of the overall BTEC grade.

Unit 14 – Physiological Disorders and their Care

You will focus on the nature of physiological disorders and how to provide appropriate treatment and care, including the role of different professionals involved in providing treatment and care for service users. You will be issued with four task assignments which will be completed in controlled conditions. You will be provided with case studies and you will need to investigate, carry out research and apply your knowledge of physiological disorders and their treatments to carry out a range of tasks which occur in the health and social care sector.

This unit is internally assessed in May and comprises 17% of the overall BTEC grade.

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English.

Progression Post-18

This qualification is designed to support progression to higher education. Areas to consider -any degree in health professions, nursing (adult, children, mental health), special needs, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational health, etc. health visitor, teaching (all age groups), police force, social work, prison officer...

