

Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

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Course Outline

This qualification is particularly relevant if you are looking to progress to a career in the health and social care sector. It will prepare you for employment directly after achieving this qualification, via an apprenticeship, or progressing to higher education courses. Both internally and externally assessed units have an applied aspect demanding authentic work-related learning, which require you to consider case studies and a range of scenarios from various health and social care settings.

The qualification will develop your knowledge and practical skills in a range of health and social care sectors. You will study, human lifespan development; working in health and social care; how to meet individual needs and study a range of physiological disorders. In addition, you will learn how to care for individuals with dementia, gain a greater understanding of mental health wellbeing, public health and study a range of psychological perspectives. You will also study a range of science based units, including scientific techniques and microbiology.

To develop a better understanding of the demands of the sector and to gain skills to demonstrate your commitment and interest in the sector when applying to further study, you'll take part in our Health and Social Care Enrichment Programme. As part of the course, you will be expected to take part in a minimum of 100 hours of work experience placements and will use these experiences to enrich your learning, develop your skills and build upon your knowledge. You will gain opportunities to put the skills and knowledge that you learn to practical use in a variety of different settings.

Assessment:

There are 4 externally assessed units; 3 exams and 1 task in response to a research article set by BTEC, to be completed under supervised conditions.

There are 4 further mandatory internally assessed units involving a variety of tasks and assignments.

You will study 5 further internally assessed units from a range of health and social care topics.

Other Considerations:

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

The course is designed to be studied solely and not necessarily alongside any other A-Level/BTEC qualification.

We deliver the health studies option in the Extended Diploma, which supports you in applying for degree/apprenticeship programmes which require Science modules, and therefore ensures that you have the widest opportunities available to you for higher education.

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Science.

Progression Post-18

It can lead to careers in Nursing, Social Work, Health Visitor, Dietician/Nutritionist, Paramedic, Midwifery, Primary Education, Early Years Education, Teaching Assistant.

The course is recognised by Universities for courses such as: BSc Nursing, BSc Social Work, BSc Physiotherapy, BSc Occupational Therapy, BSc Speech Therapy, BSc Health and Social Care, BSc Midwifery, BSc Radiography, BSc Paramedic Science

The course may lead to apprenticeships, such as: Early Years Provision, Care Worker, Teaching Assistant, Health Care Support Worker.