

BTEC Health & Social Care

Course Outline:

L1/L2 BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care, equivalent to 1 GCSE, is the study of approaches to caring for individuals who require health or social services in the sector.

Component 1 investigates human development throughout the life stages, exploring how factors such as lifestyle choices and life events can impact on development. Students will study how people grow and develop over the course of their life, from infancy to old age, and includes the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. Students will consider how individuals' development may be impacted as a result of major life events, such as marriage or parenthood.

Component 2 explores health and social care services and how they meet the needs of the service users through applying care values. Students will explore a wide range of services that are available in the health sector and social care sector. Students will explore what is involved in each of these services and how they care for service users. Students will also learn about care values and will gain the opportunity to develop their own skills in applying these care values across the sector.

Component 3 looks at the factors that affect health and wellbeing and considers what it means to be healthy. Students will consider the factors that have a positive or negative influence on a person's health and wellbeing, including physiological and lifestyle indicators. Students will learn how to develop an appropriate plan for improving someone's health and wellbeing. Students will also gain the opportunity to consider a wide range of backgrounds and barriers that their service users may experience and how this can impact on the health and wellbeing plan in place.

Wherever possible, students will be encouraged to observe and develop practical skills and knowledge to apply to the Health and Social Care sector.

Examination Information

Component 1 and Component 2 are coursework based units, each requiring 2 pieces of coursework. One piece of coursework for each component involves a written assessment and the second will be based on a more practical assessment.

Component 3 is a 2-hour external exam sat in February. As part of this exam, students will be asked to assess an individual's health and wellbeing from a case study. Secondly, they will be asked to design a health and wellbeing improvement plan for the individual.

Component 1 (coursework) - 30%

Component 2 (coursework) - 30%

Component 3 (exam) - 40%

Where can it take me?

Next Steps:

With 3 million jobs in the sector, the options are endless. KS5 progression can lead to the Level 3 HSC Extended Certificate or Extended Diploma (1 or 3 A-Level equivalent) or other A-Level courses. It also leads to a wide range of apprenticeships or degrees, including nursing, radiography or teaching.

What Key Skills will I gain by taking Health & Social Care ?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Analysing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Independent Learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Communication - Verbal | <input type="checkbox"/> | Independent Thinking |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Communication - Written | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Listening Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Creative Thinking | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presentation Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Debating | <input type="checkbox"/> | Problem Solving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Decision Making | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reading |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Evaluating | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hands-On / Technical Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> | Team Work |