

BTEC Health and Social Care

(Level 3 National Extended Certificate, equivalent to 1 A Level)



Exam board: Pearson

Entry requirements:

Minimum requirement, Level 2 Merit in Level 1/2 BTEC Tech Award Health in Social Care.

New to Health and Social Care, GCSE level 5 or above in English

Course content:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (externally assessed unit). We study every age range, from conception through to old age, and consider how different life factors impact on our lives.

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care (externally assessed unit). This unit will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. For example, discussing the roles and responsibilities of healthcare professionals.

Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (internally assessed unit). This unit introduces you to the values and issues that need to be considered when planning care and support that meet the needs of an individual in a social care environment.

Unit 14: Physiological Disorders and their Care (internally assessed unit). In this unit, you will explore types of physiological disorders, the procedures for diagnosis, and the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users.

Assessment:

Units 1 and 2 are externally assessed through written examinations which are both 1½ hours long. The external assessment carries a weighting of 58%. Units 5 and 14 are assessed through internally marked assignments and carry a combined weighting of 42%.

Why choose Health and Social Care?:

Health and Social Care is a very broad subject area. It pulls together many different disciplines to help us understand people and their needs. It combines biology, sociology, psychology, nutrition, and ethics. If you want to pursue a career in Health and Social Care, you will be working in a sector that is dedicated to helping other people, and improving their lives. It is an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling career path. Employers and universities highly value the practical, real-world skills BTEC Nationals learners demonstrate. It will lay the foundations for your future career.

Skills and progression:

You will develop knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social sector. You will develop your own empathy, compassion and understanding of others with individual needs and determine how they can be treated and cared for. You will be encouraged to work as a team, adopt leadership roles and communicate effectively with others with confidence.

Possible Career Choices:

- Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Social Worker
- Paramedic
- Nursery Nurse
- Healthcare Assistant
- Midwife
- Occupational Therapist
- Counsellor

