

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (DOUBLE AWARD)

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| Qualification Level | Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care |
| Exam Board/ Specification | Pearson/ BTEC |
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Why study this course?

The BTEC in Health and Social Care allows students to develop their skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace. Students apply their skills and knowledge to offer appropriate care and support and build positive relationships to meet the needs of those they are working with.

The course is refreshing, exciting and the content is up to date. Making it engaging, fit for purpose and suitable for the needs of Health and Social Care Students and professionals of the future.

The course offers a wide range of centre assessed units with practical and wider project-based assessment opportunities, as well as examined units.

The BTEC in Health and Social Care has been developed to meet the changing needs of the sector and prepare students for the challenges they will face in Higher Education or employment. It has been designed in collaboration with experts spanning the breadth of the sector, the BTEC in Health and Social Care focuses on the skills, knowledge and understanding that today's universities and employers demand.

Students will practically apply their skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace. Students will develop professional and personal skills through interaction with people who either work in the sector or require care or support, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin their skills. This will allow them to offer specific, person-centred care and support and build positive relationships with the people they are working with, so that their needs and requirements are met whilst they maintain control of their own care and support.

Students will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses. Students will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting Health and Social Care, so that they can ensure the people they are working with are not only able to access all the care and support they are entitled to, but are also able to protect themselves from any harm or abuse whilst at work.

Choosing your third subject

This qualification is the equivalent to 2 subjects, students will pick a third option from the option blocks to study alongside. This may include complementary subjects such as Biology, or other vocational subjects such as Sport or Business.

Course content

This course has mandatory and optional units for example:

- Developing effective communication
- Equality and diversity Development through the life stages
- Caring for children and young people

A key element of this course is an internship. Your experience in a work place will be invaluable to understanding the topics and developing the final assignments.

Exam/ Assessment structure

There are both coursework and external examination components

Higher education/ career links

Successful completion of the programme will give you a range of options including direct entry to employment or a place on an apprenticeship scheme. There are a wide range of careers available including nursing, working in a nursery and care professionals.

There are a large number of options if you would like to go on to higher education including early years education and nursing. It is not too early to look at higher education prospectuses to investigate the range of options available. The majority of students who have studied this course have gone to University, the degrees have been varied, for example Primary Education, Midwifery, Nursing, and Childhood Studies.

The BTEC National provides a strong base for progression to university, apprenticeships or work and are recognised for UCAS tariff points.

Entry requirements

You do not need to have studied Health and Social Care at GCSE, but this is a good progression route from the GCSE course if that has already been completed.