

Health & Social Care

OCR Level 2 Cambridge Nationals Certificate in HSC

Exam Board: OCR
Course Code: J811

Health & Social Care course overview

BTEC Health and Social Care is a work-related course. It introduces you to the employment area of health and social care and provides a good basis to progress to a more advanced work-related qualification. In Year 10, students will begin their first coursework based unit called: Communicating and Working with Individuals. They will learn about different methods of communication and barriers to communication, including how to overcome these. A part of the coursework will involve completing two role plays to show effective communication skills. The next coursework unit of study will be: Development and Protection of Children, where they will explore child development, health, safety and how to keep childcare environments safe. In year 11, they will move on to study an exam based unit on Values in Care and study a final coursework unit on Basic First Aid.

Is this course for you?

Health and Social Care is a subject for students that are interested in learning about the services, job roles, care values and potential issues that can take place in health and social care. It is for students that are considering going into a supportive, caring-related career in the future. Also, it will involve students researching and exploring Health and Social Care news as it is always changing. The majority of the coursework in health and social care are in written format so it is important that students enjoy subjects with extended writing such as English and History. We also tend to find that this subject works well alongside subjects such as Sociology.

What could this course lead to?

Studying Health and Social Care at GCSE can make a valuable contribution for many university degree courses and to a wide variety of careers within the NHS, Social Care and Early Years including nursing and midwifery, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, educational studies and more. You will develop many transferable skills – such as communication skills, the ability to work as a team, ICT and organisational skills, the ability to assess situations and take the right action and developing strong independent learning skills. These skills will allow you to make the transition to our BTEC course in the future, as well as providing a valuable foundation for many other subjects.

Support and Interventions available at school

- We provide various materials e.g. coursework guidance sheets/progress ladders to aid coursework tasks.
- We do our best to make ourselves available to students who seek our help. This could be at break and lunch times.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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