

Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 3

General Course Information

There are a wide range of topics covered on the Extended Certificate (1 A level equivalent) course. Topics covered will include growth and development of individuals and how various factors can influence us, working in health and social care which includes exploring different careers and organisations, promoting public health, meeting care needs, complementary therapies, exploring additional needs such as disabilities and many more.

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development – exam unit

This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development, and the experience of health and wellbeing. You will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health. You will learn about a number of theories and models to explain and interpret behaviour through the human lifespan.

Unit 2: Working in HSC – exam unit

You will explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations. You will learn about how inspectors and regulators monitor the work that professionals do. You will learn about working with people with specific needs, including ill health, learning disabilities, physical and sensory disabilities.

Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs – coursework 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 health and social care environment, such as potential ethical issues and challenges that can arise when personalising care. You will look into the importance of multi-agency working in providing a package of care and support that meets all the needs of individuals.

Unit 14: Physiological Disorders and their Care – coursework unit

In this unit, you will explore types of physiological disorders, including signs, symptoms and the procedures for diagnosis, the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through a mix of examinations and coursework assignments. 50% is coursework based and this may take the form of written work, power point presentations etc. 50% of the assessments will involve taking two examinations, both are paper-based exams and are 90 minutes long.

Who's it for?

Students will either need to have a level 5 in English, or they will need a Merit at Level 2 in BTEC First Health and Social Care. They must have the ability to get on well with people and an interest in working with people from diverse social groups.

Progression

The BTEC Nationals in Health and Social Care provide:

- Education and training for health and social care employees
- Learners with a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification for entry into employment or university in the health and social care sectors
- Progression routes to higher education vocational qualifications such as the Edexcel Level 5 BTEC Higher National in Health and Social Care
- A range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

