

BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care

BTEC Health and Social Care Level 3 requires you to have an interest in the Health and Social care sectors, an ability to communicate ideas effectively, an ability to organise yourself and your work to meet regular deadlines and an ability to work independently to research and investigate topics.

Course Content & Assessment

Health and Social Care is an engaging and challenging course, designed to expose learners to the skills and knowledge required by healthcare and social work professionals in a variety of jobs and sectors. It is a subject that will appeal to learners who:

- Enjoy studying a subject which has practical vocational applications and is relevant to their lives, experiences and potential career aspirations.
- Want an opportunity to investigate and research.
- Enjoy finding answers and applying their knowledge – not just being taught for an exam.

There are two main qualifications to consider at Level 3. These are:

- **Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Single Award equivalent to 1 A level).** This comprises four units of work. Two written exams focussing on Human Lifespan Development and Working in Health and Social Care. In addition to this there are two pieces of coursework. One with a focus on Meeting individual care and support needs and the second on Physiological Disorders.

- **Diploma in Health and Social Care (Double Award equivalent to 2 A Levels).** This comprises eight units of work. Two written exams focussing on Human Lifespan Development and Working in Health and Social Care. In addition to this there is one examination based on pre-release materials from the examination board. The focus of this examination is Current Research in Health and Social Care and students are able to take research materials into the examination with them. There are a further 5 coursework units to complete during the course. One with a focus on Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs and the second on Physiological Disorders. The next focus will be Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care. The remaining two areas of study are Promoting Public Health and Nutritional Health.

Examinations: Year 12

- Unit 1 - Human Lifespan Development External examination. (Single and Double Award)
- Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care External examination. (Single and Double Award)

Examinations: Year 13

- Unit 4 - Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care. (Double award only)

Future opportunities

Not only does the course equip learners to move on to Health and Social Care apprenticeships or university courses it also provides transferable skills and knowledge such as leading groups, using initiative and communication skills that are essential in such areas of employment as teaching, nursing, midwifery, care work or social work. The academic rigour required makes it an excellent foundation for any further study at university in a field of medicine, education or health and social care.

Entry Requirements:	
GCSE	Minimum requirement: 5/L2M in Health and Social Care (if studied at GCSE) or a 4 in English.
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