

Health and Social Care

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma

(Equivalent to 3 A levels)

What will I need before taking this course?

Five GCSEs at Grades 9-4 including English Language and Mathematics. A Grade 5 or above in GCSE Science. It is not essential that Health and Social Care has been studied previously at Level 2. If Health and Social Care Level 2 has been studied then a Merit or above will class as one of the five required.

Assessment and Grading

Learners have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding in a range of Health and Social care contexts. The individual units and final qualification are graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessment methods include:

- Nine internal assignments: Work-related assignments set and marked by the centre.
- One external research task, set and marked by Pearson.
- Three written exams: A combination of short answer questions and extended writing essays.

How will I learn?

The course involves discussion, debate and developing the written skills needed for the exam. There is also a large focus on developing good communication skills through role playing interactions and delivering presentations.

Due to the practical nature of this course significant learning will also take place in Health and Social Care work environments through work placements where learners can demonstrate and implement the theory and skills learnt in class.

What will I learn?

Studying the Extended Diploma will give students a grounding in and theoretical knowledge relevant to the Health and Social Care sector. Students will develop the necessary skills to allow them to thrive in the industry. This is achieved through high quality work placements in a range of Health and Social Care environments.

Mandatory units include:

- Human Lifespan Development (External exam)
- Working in Health and Social Care (External exam)
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (External exam)
- Enquiries into current Research in Health and Social Care (Externally set research task)
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health

Due to the diversity and range of units available within the BTEC course option units may change depending on the nature and interests of the cohort.

What can I do at the end of the course?

Out of all vocational qualifications BTECs have the highest rate of learner progression. In particular, to Higher Education courses such as social sciences and nursing. 95% of universities and colleges, including Russell Group Universities, now accept BTECs.

This course equips students with the necessary skills to go onto a Higher Level Apprenticeship or directly into employment.

AWARDING BODY	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma
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