

Level 3 BTEC Health & Social Care

Specification: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 5 or higher in English Language. It is not a requirement to have studied Level 2 BTEC Health & Social Care.

INTRODUCTION

BTEC Nationals in Health & Social Care offer up-to-date, vocational content, a more practical approach to assessment and have high credibility with higher education and employers.

Students will develop an understanding of physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of individuals and how the health & social care sector provide for a wide range of needs.

They will develop skills and knowledge of working in the sector through visits and external speakers, research tasks and case studies.

BTEC Nationals require applied learning that brings together knowledge and understanding with practical and technical skills. This is achieved through learners performing vocational tasks that encourage the development of appropriate vocational behaviours and transferable skills.

Transferable skills are those such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, which are valued in both higher education and the workplace.

This course uses a combination of assessment styles to give students confidence to apply their knowledge to succeed in the workplace and have the study skills to continue learning on higher education courses and throughout their career. This range of vocational assessments – both practical and written – mean students can showcase their learning and achievements to best effect when they take their next steps.

COURSE COMPONENTS

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health & Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- 1 optional unit selected from a wide range from Physiology to Children with Additional Needs

ASSESSMENT

3 Core Mandatory units of which:

2 Core units: Written exam set and marked by Pearson

1 Core unit: Assignment set and marked internally

1 Additional unit: Assignment set and marked internally

The styles of assessment used for qualifications in Health & Social Care are:

Examinations - learners take the same written assessment in exam conditions

Assignment - internally set assignment brief where students carry out set tasks, creating evidence to support a work-related scenario

VISITS/COSTS

Students are encouraged to take part in minimum 50 hours work experience. In addition, during the course all will take part in trips to a wide range of health & social care settings from local primary schools to hospitals and care homes.