

BTEC National Extended Diploma

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

There are over 300 different careers within the NHS and over 150 in social care. The Health and Social Care course will lay the foundations for a career in health or care sectors.

Introduction

The emphasis of the course is on applying theory in practice and students studying the course develop not only academic skills but also practical and personal skills in order to prepare them for higher education and employment.

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include GCSE Mathematics minimum grade 4 and GCSE Science (core) minimum grade 4, (please refer to the Entry Requirements section for further details).

How will I be assessed?

The National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care has 13 units in total. Eight of these are mandatory plus 5 optional units; of the 13 units 4 are externally assessed.

What will I study?

There is a focus on a range of Health and Social Care topics to prepare you for a career or further study:

- Human Lifespan Development (examined unit)
- Working in Health and Social Care (examined unit)
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (examined unit)
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care (examined unit)
- Meeting individual Care and Support Needs (course work)

- Nutritional Health (course work)
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care (course work)
- Psychological Perspectives (course work)
- Promoting Public Health (course work)
- Physiological Disorders (course work)
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs (course work)
- Sociological Perspectives (course work)

You will spend a minimum of 100 hours in 2 or more placements with practitioners in the community to develop your practical skills in this subject. All units must be successfully achieved in order to gain this qualification. Group work, taught sessions, independent study and wider reading are integral features of this course.

Where will this course lead me?

On completion of this course, you will be qualified to work in health and social care roles as care workers or support workers. Alternatively, you will be able to apply directly to universities of your choice to enrol on courses to become nurses, physiotherapists, paramedics, radiographers, dieticians, podiatrists, midwives, primary school teachers, social workers or similar careers associated with this subject area.