

BTEC National Diploma

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This qualification has been designed to account for two-thirds of a two-year, full-time study programme for learners who are intending to go onto further study in a related sector. It supports access to a range of higher education courses if taken as part of a programme of study that includes another BTEC or A Level alongside it.

Introduction

The emphasis of the course is on applying theory to 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 8 units in total. 6 of these are mandatory plus 2 optional units; of the 8 units 3 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:

- 1 Human Lifespan Development external examined unit
- 2 Working in Health and Social Care external examined unit
- 4 Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care external examined unit

5 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs internally assessed course work

7 Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care internally assessed course work

8 Promoting Public Health internally assessed coursework

14 Physiological Disorders and their Care internally assessed course work

19 Nutritional Health internally assessed coursework

There is no placement opportunity when studying the BTEC level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care.

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, with completion of an additional relevant A level / BTEC 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.