

# BTEC TECH AWARD IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**EXAMINATION BOARD: Edexcel**

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### **Course Description:**

The Edexcel BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care is a Level 2 qualification designed to provide work-related qualifications and experience in a specialist area. The Tech Award takes the equivalent teaching time to one GCSE. Possible outcome grades are shown below with the GCSE equivalent grade:

<b>BTEC Grade</b>	<b>GCSE Comparative Grade (2019)</b>
Distinction *	8.5
Distinction	7
Merit	5.5
Pass	4
Level 1 Distinction	3
Level 1 Merit	2
Level 1 Pass	1.25

A Level One qualification can provide a solid foundation for future learning in this subject.

The principle aim of this course is to provide students with a stimulating and engaging introduction to the health and social care sector. This includes, health work, working with children, social work, education, mental health services, medical studies – in fact, any profession which involved working with and understanding, people. Students will develop knowledge, skills and understanding in a meaningful, work-related context, allowing them to understand both the theories and their application. Students will engage directly with practical activities, research, use of current media topics, individual tasks and project work. Students are encouraged to develop both individual study and team working skills and to think creatively about how they present their ideas and work. The course also aims to develop softer skills of empathy and tolerance which provide a foundation for working in any health and social care context.

### **Assessment**

The qualification has three components that focus on the assessment of knowledge, skills and practices. Components 1 and 2 are assessed through internal assessment of the application of the theory through realistic tasks and activities and an assignment brief. Evidence will be produced by each candidate in a variety of forms depending on the topic, for example a presentation, report, log/diary, explanations or project.

There is one external assessment, Component 3, which is based on a key task and takes the form of a set task taken under supervised conditions which is marked by Edexcel. The external assessment contributes 40% of the total qualification.

### **Mandatory Components:**

**Component 1 – Human Lifespan Development** – this is an internally assessed component which examines how people grow and develop throughout their lives, from infancy to old age. This includes physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. Learners will investigate, using real situations, how human development is affected by different factors and how people deal differently with life events. They will learn how people adapt to changes and the types and sources of support that can help them.

**Component 2 – Health and Care Services and Values** – internally assessed component which gives an understanding of health and social care services. Students will gain an understanding of key care values and how these are applied in health and social care settings, and their importance when working in the sector. They will apply these values through role play activities. The values described in this component may be applied to daily life, and to a variety of careers outside the health and social care sector.

**Component 3 – Health and Wellbeing** – externally assessed component, completed in three hours under supervised conditions. Students will explore how factors can affect an individual's health and wellbeing positively or negatively. They will assess an individual's health and wellbeing and use this assessment to create a health and wellbeing improvement plan. This is set and marked by the examination board and will be completed in Y11.

### **Why Study Health and Social Care?**

- You would enjoy it and do well on this course!
- No previous experience needed in Health & Social Care
- Valuable for anyone wanting to work with people, in any future career
- Provides a pathway for learning at higher levels
- Relevant, topical, exciting!
- A wide range of methods will be used to enhance learning, including:
  - Emphasis on active, 'hands on' experiences, supported by teaching of key points and theories
  - Individual, small and larger group activities
  - Field work
  - Guest speakers
  - Use of the media
  - Discussion

**Further information on BTEC First Award in Health and Social Care can be obtained from Mrs M Grant, Head of Health and Social Care, based in W213.**