

BTEC in Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Exam Board: [Edexcel](#)



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Course Summary

BTEC in Health & Social Care is made up of four units of work which cover aspects of health and social care from birth to the end of life. The course covers physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the effects of ageing.

You will explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, looking at the range of roles and general responsibilities of workers, and learn about the organisations that provide services in this sector. We will consider the ways these services are provided, inspection and regulation, and the barriers that can prevent people from getting key services. The course also focuses on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care needs - the foundation of all the care disciplines.

Students are able to develop a sound knowledge base of highly relevant and dynamic topics, as well as key transferrable skills for independent learning, effective communication, analysis, problem solving, writing and team work. Students are encouraged to be curious and questioning, to develop resilience and to better understand themselves, their peers and the world around them.

Entry Requirements

Previous study in Health and Social Care is not required. Where students have studied the Level 2 BTEC course, a Merit or higher is required.

Course Assessment

Two core units are externally assessed by written examination and the remaining two units are internally assessed by coursework submission.

Where might it lead?

This course creates a variety of routes into Health and Social Care. Students may progress to further education in social work, paramedic science, occupational therapy, speech therapy, teaching, midwifery, social sciences, criminology, sports science, nursing and youth and community work.

This course can also provide access to relevant apprenticeships in care and a pathway to employment in policing, nursing, caring professions or public sector workforce.



Lessons are challenging but enjoyable. The tasks and activities are varied. What we do has opened my eyes to what happens in the health and social care sector.

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