

# BTEC Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care Level 3

## Qualification Aims and Objectives

BTEC Health and Social Care has been developed specifically by the health and social care sector to provide:

- Transferable knowledge and skills through applied learning to prepare learners for a range of higher education courses and job roles in the sector.
- The opportunity for full time learners to enter employment in the health and social care sector or to progress to vocational qualifications such as the Edexcel BTEC Higher Nationals in Health & Social Care.
- A range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

This qualification provides learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare for employment, an understanding of how the sector operates and will have knowledge of the routes into the large variety of job roles.

## Course Outline

### Year 12

Assessment:

- One examination and one mandatory unit of assignments

Exam Unit:

- Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development

Mandatory Unit:

- Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care & Support Needs

### Year 13

Assessment:

- One examination and one optional unit

Exam Unit:

- Unit 2: Working in Health & Social Care

Optional Units x 1:

- Unit 10: Sociological Perspectives
- Unit 11: Psychological Perspectives
- Unit 12: Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- Unit 14: Physiological Disorders & their care

This course is an engaging programme, suited to anyone who is keen to develop a career within the health and social care sector. It provides robust opportunities for learners to gain knowledge and understanding of a wide range of subject areas relating health and social care. As well as working in traditional care settings like hospitals, residential homes, sheltered accommodation, hospices and day care centres, there are career opportunities in areas such as health education and promotion, welfare, community development and health research.



## Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 9-4 grades in GCSE examinations including English and Maths.

## Future courses & possible careers

- Hospitals
- Residential Homes
- Nursing Homes
- Health Research
- Social Work
- Probation Services

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