

Vocational Health & Social Care - Single



Exam Board Pearson Edexcel

Qualification BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements Grade 4 at GCSE level in English (or equivalent)

Content (Outline of Course)

This Level 3 BTEC qualification in Health and Social Care has been designed with employers and representatives from higher education and professional bodies. In this way, the qualification is up-to-date and covers all the knowledge and skills that are required for working in the health and social care sector. Students will undertake 8 units of study during this programme, that cover a range of contemporary issues or topics pertaining to the health and social care arena. All students will be offered opportunities to undertake work experiences in a care setting. Although this is not a mandatory requirement of the programme, it is highly recommended as a means of developing skills and expertise needed for entry into future employment or higher education.

Year 12:
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development * *externally assessed unit.*
Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care * *externally assessed unit.*
Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs.
Unit 11: Psychological Perspectives

Year 13:
Unit 4: Enquiries into current research in Health and Social Care * *externally assessed unit.*
Unit 7: Principles in safe practice in Health and Social Care.
Unit 8: Promoting Public Health.
Unit 12: Supporting individuals with additional needs.

Assessment

Students undertake 8 units to complete the programme of study. This includes three exam units that will be externally assessed and five coursework units that will be internally assessed.

Internally assessed coursework units will be marked by the subject teacher and subject to internal and external verification. Students will be provided with BTEC assessment guidelines to ensure that they are fully aware of how to meet coursework criteria.

Careers Guidance

There are more than 300 distinct career pathways in the health and social care sector. This qualification is recognised by higher education institutions and carries UCAS points. When taken alongside other relevant qualifications, it can lead to a degree pathway in an array of health and social care programmes such as nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, social work and occupational therapy.