Vocational Health & Social Care - Single

Exam Board

Pearson Edexcel

Qualification

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care



Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in English and Maths

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 of the knowledge and skills that are required for working in the health and social care sector. Students will undertake 4 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 employment or higher education.

Course Content:

Year 12:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development * externally assessed unit.
Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care * externally assessed unit.

Year 13:

Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs* internally assessed unit.

Unit 11: Psychological perspectives * internally assessed unit.

Assessment

Students undertake 4 units to complete the programme of study. This includes two exam units that will be externally assessed and two coursework units that will be internally assessed.

Internally assessed course work 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.