

# BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This qualification provides an in depth study to the health and social care sector that gives learners transferable knowledge and skills. It is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and is the equivalent of 2 A Levels. The course consists of 8 units, 6 of which are mandatory (83%) and 2 which are optional units, and is taught over 720 guided learning hours.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Year 12 & Year 13 Content

This course consists of 8 units that are delivered across 2 years.

This includes 6 mandatory units:

- Unit 1 - Human Lifespan Development.
- Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care.
- Unit 4 - Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care.
- Unit 5 - Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs.
- Unit 7 - Principles of Safe Practice in Health Care and Social Care.
- Unit 8 - Promoting Public Health.

Plus 2 optional units from the list below:

- Sociology Perspectives.
- Psychology Perspectives.
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs.
- Physiological Disorders and their Care.

The content includes the current knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required in the health and social care sector.

## ASSESSMENT

The qualification is 46% externally assessed, Units 1 and 2 are written exams that are set and marked by Pearson (exam board). Unit 4 is a controlled assessment that is set and marked by Pearson. The remaining mandatory and optional units are assignments that are set and marked internally. This ensures that learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help them develop a broad range of transferable skills. Opportunities are given to use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations and carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes.

## SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Health and Social Care can be combined with other subjects such as BTEC Sport, A Level Biology, Law, Psychology, Sociology and others such as English and Modern Foreign Languages.



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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above including English & Maths.

## PROGRESSION

The qualification prepares learners for a range of higher education courses related to the Health and Social Care sector as well as other degree courses. It is designed to support progression either by meeting entry requirements in their own right or by being accepted alongside other qualifications at the same level and adding value to them (for example, with 2 A levels for entry to a degree course).

## FUTURES

A BTEC in Health and Social Care can give you the practical skills and knowledge to progress to your chosen career. With qualifications designed for working in the healthcare sector, your BTEC can prepare you for real-life working experiences. A BTEC can lead to careers in a variety of health and social care sectors such as Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Youth Work, Psychologist, Healthcare Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Therapist and many more roles.



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