

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care

Course Overview

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 (external assessment)
- Unit 2 - Working in Health and Social Care (external assessment)
- 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 list below:

- Sociology Perspectives
- Psychology Perspectives
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- Nutritional Health

The content includes the current knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required in the Health and Social Care sector. The proportion of mandatory content ensures that all learners are following a coherent programme of study whilst acquiring the knowledge, and skills that will be recognised and valued.

Assessment

The qualification is 46% externally assessed with Units 1 and 2 are written exams that are set and marked by Pearson (exam board). Unit 4 is a task 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



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Entry Requirements

Standard Level 3 entry requirements – at least 5 GCSEs Grade 9-5 and above including English Language & Maths.

Progression

This qualification has been designed to account for two-thirds of a two-year, full-time study programme for learners who are intending to go onto further study in a related Health and Social Care sector, as well as many other degree courses. It develops transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, which are valued in both higher education and the workplace.

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