



BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

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Exam Board:

Edexcel

Overview of the Course:

A modular specification designed to introduce you to a wide range of health related topics. BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate is equivalent to one GCE A Level.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for you if you are interested in working in related fields in the future. You will need to have achieved the College's entry requirements for Sixth Form education.

The course will appeal to those students who:

- enjoy interaction with others;
- are keen to build on their communication skills;
- enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives and experiences;
- have good interpersonal skills;
- want to keep their options open for higher education and careers; and
- have an interest in working in the Health or Social Care sectors at any level.

Why consider taking Health and Social Care?

This interesting and varied course will provide you with a wide range of options either for Higher Education or full-time employment in the related sectors.

The qualification provides learners with a range of knowledge, understanding and skills which are highly regarded by employers, with the potential for further professional development.

This course can provide an excellent vocational skill set, making you highly employable in an increasingly competitive job market. Alternatively you will be equally prepared to pursue Higher Education with this qualification which is well regarded by universities.

What will you study?

The Core Units studies are:

- Human life span and development
- Working in health and social care
- Meeting individual care and support needs
- Psychological perspectives

Assessment

Two units are assessed through external examinations. You will sit two 90 minute exams. Two units are assessed through internal assignments. You will complete assignments that will be marked by your teacher which will form part of your final grade.

Possible career path?

Students may go on to pursue Higher Education in related courses including:

- Teacher training
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Early Years Education
- Social Work
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy

Employment opportunities exist in:

- Health Care
- Social Care
- Education
- Childcare
- Prison Service
- Emergency services
- Police Force

Entry requirements

Ideally five GCSEs Grade 9-5, including English and Mathematics.

Students can study **a maximum of two subjects** from Psychology, Sociology, Health and Social Care and Criminology.