



BTEC Tech Award Health and Social Care

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Overview of the course:

Suitable for students who want to acquire sector-specific applied knowledge through vocational contexts by studying human lifespan development, health and social care services and values, and health and well-being as part of their Key Stage 4 learning. The qualification recognises the value of learning skills, knowledge and vocational attributes to complement GCSEs.

What will you study?

This course gives you the opportunity to study how people grow and develop over the course of their lives, from infancy to old age. You will explore the factors that may affect this, such as major life changing events like marriage or parenthood. You will learn how people adapt to these changes as well as the types of support available to help them.

You will also learn about the different health and social care services and how they can meet the specific needs of individuals. You will explore the relevant skills, attributes and values required to work successfully in health or social care.

You will also learn about how various factors and lifestyle choices can affect an individual's current health and well-being, and how physiological indicators can inform health care professionals to set realistic targets.

You will explore actions to improve health and well-being, the barriers or obstacles individuals may face when following recommendations, and the support available to overcome them.

Component 1 Human Lifespan Development

Component 2 Services and Values

Component 3 Health and Well-being

Assessment

This qualification is graded with Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Components 1 and 2 will be internally assessed and moderated through a Pearson Set Assignment (PSA) completed in a computer room in controlled conditions. Students will have one resubmission opportunity for each PSA allowing them to make improvements to their work based on teacher feedback.

Students are allowed to have their own notes in front of them while completing each PSA and will have approximately six hours across eight lessons.

Component 3 will be assessed with an external examination in the summer of Year 11. This is a synoptic assessment meaning that it covers knowledge gained from all three components.

Possible career path:

About 3 million people in the UK work in health and social care. In healthcare, this includes jobs such as doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants and administrators, while social care roles include care assistants, social workers, occupational therapists and child care workers.

Demand for both health and social care is likely to continue to rise, so it is sure to continue to play a key role in UK society, and the demand for people to fill these vital jobs will increase.

When you have completed this qualification, you will have developed a practical understanding of the health and social care sector. Because you will be building useful skills, you will have a better understanding of whether this is an area you want to continue to study. This course will also help you develop transferable skills and knowledge, such as self-evaluation and research skills, which will benefit you regardless of your chosen path.

After you have finished this course, you may wish to go on to further study e.g. the Level 3 BTEC, then onto higher education such as a nursing, midwifery, childcare or social work degree. Alternatively, you might want to find work in the health and social care sector as a trainee or apprentice.