

Exam Board – EDEXCEL

Duration – 2 Years

Equivalent to 1 A Level

Course Content

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care aims to provide an introduction to the sector. It is for learners who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector as part of a balanced study programme. The mandatory content of the qualification incorporates topics relevant across the health and social care sector: Mandatory content (83%). External assessment (58%).

- Human Lifespan Development (External Written exam / 1.5hrs / 90marks)
- Working in Health and Social Care (External Written exam / 1.5hrs / 80marks)
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs. (Internal Assignment/ Pass, Merit, Distinction)

There will also be one compulsory optional unit that covers the biological and sociological topics relevant to the different parts of the sector. Optional units include:

- Sociological Perspectives
- Psychological Perspectives
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- Physiological Disorders and their Care.

(Internal Assignment/ Pass, Merit, Distinction)

Skills and Qualifications Required

In the BTEC National units there are opportunities during the teaching and learning phase to give learners practise in developing employability skills. Where employability skills are referred to in this specification, we are generally referring to skills in the following three main categories:

- **Cognitive and problem-solving skills:** use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- **Intrapersonal skills:** communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- **Interpersonal skills:** self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

Assessment

Exams – 2 units which are assessed by an exam

Coursework – 2 units are assessed internally by coursework

A Pathway To...

This qualification is generally taken alongside other qualifications as part of a 2-year programme of learning. This will enable learners to progress to a degree programme chosen from a range of programmes in the health and social care sector. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education institutions as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. It can be taken alongside, for example:

- A Levels in Biology and Psychology, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing. Health and Social care is a valued qualification for Nursing.
- A Levels in English and History, which could lead to a BA (Hons) in Primary Education
- A BTEC National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development, which could lead to a BSc

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