

# Health & Social Care

## BTEC Extended Certificate



Exam board: Edexcel

### Course summary:

If you have not got your health, then what have you got? In Health & Social Care, you will explore questions such as, how does a disease such as Diabetes, Parkinson's disease or Coronary heart disease impact the life of individuals or how do you become an effective communicator, or what are the connections between the primary and secondary effects of common disorders. This course will provide you with transferable knowledge and skills that prepare you for progression to university or apprenticeship. Topics that you will study include human biology, equality, safeguarding and legislation, supporting those to access health and social care services. You will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses.

Other subjects that combine well with Health and Social Care include: Psychology, Sociology, Biology, English and PE.

### Entry requirements:

PH6 standard entry requirements of five + GCSEs (or equivalent) grades 9-5  
There is no requirement to have studied the subject at BTEC Level 2

### Student attributes:

- Students who want to pursue a career in the health and social care sector.
- Students who like a mixture of examinations and assignment writing.
- Students who want to learn new skills that will be transferrable and enable them to be employable.
- Students who are willing to work hard and put effort into this challenging yet important subject.
- Students who are keen to engage in discussion and contribute to class debates as well as respecting the opinions of others.
- Students who will be fully focused with the ability to work independently and within a group.
- Students who will be engaged in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector.
- Students who have good time management skills to meet deadlines.
- Students who present their writing with maturity and professionalism.

### Course Content & Assessment:

The course is made up of 4 units:

External units = **50%**

Internally assessed units = **50%**

*"Health and Social Care is really interesting and so relevant. I chose the subject because I want to become a midwife and felt that taking the health and social care would start me on my journey". Health and social care student*



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### Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development (external - 90 minutes)

- Physical, intellectual, emotional and social development
- Factors affecting growth and development
- Interventions
- Different professionals providing care and treatment

### Unit 2 – Human biology and health (external - 90 minutes)

- Human body structure and systems
- Normal physiological functioning
- Impact of common disorders

### Unit 3 – Health and Social Care Practice (internally assessed)

- Core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care
- Effect of social determinants on an individual's health status

### Unit 4 (internally assessed) – a choice between:

- Health, Social Policy and Wellbeing
- Promoting Health Education
- Safe Environments in Health and Social Care
- Health Science

### Grading:

**Qualification:** Distinction\*, Distinction, Merit, Pass

**External units:** Distinction, Merit, Pass, Near Pass

**Internal units:** Distinction, Merit, Pass

### Future Destinations:

- Students can undertake further education courses in health and social care at university or follow an apprenticeship route in many of the listed careers below.

Nursing, midwifery, occupational therapist, physiotherapy, paramedics, probation work, social work, care work, teaching – virtually hundreds of different roles.

### BE PART OF THE BIGGEST EMPLOYER IN THE U.K.

- The NHS employs 1.4 million people in the U.K.
- Social care employs 1.6 million people in the U.K.

