

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Aim of the Subject

The Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care offers a wide range of units such as human lifespan development, meeting individual care and support needs, working in health and social care and sociological perspectives. It is a valuable and recognised qualification so students are therefore able to progress into Higher Education in this field. This course is suitable for students considering a career in any of the following: Childcare, Nursing, Paediatrics, Midwifery, Social Work, Teaching/similar careers, Police officer, Probation, Paramedics and Counselling. This list is not exhaustive as this course provides a firm foundation for many other careers as well as a wide range of university courses.

Skills that are developed throughout the course include:

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

Course Description

There are two modules which make up the course in year 12; unit 1 – human lifespan development and unit 5 – meeting individual care and support needs. Similarly, two modules make up the course in year 13; unit 5 – working in health and social care and unit 14 – Physiological Disorders and their care.

Assessment

Students are assessed based on a portfolio for units 5 and 14 and exams for units 1 and 2 at Pass/Merit/Distinction and Distinction*.

Entry criteria

As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria.