

# Course Description

## Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Health and Social Care - Extended Certificate

### Aim of the Subject

The Level 3 BTEC in Health and Social Care (AAQ) allows students to engage in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector.

As a valued and recognised qualification, students can 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, Policing, Probation, Paramedics and Counselling. This list is not exhaustive as this course also 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:

- Managing own learning and research skills.
- Interpersonal skills: Verbal and non-verbal communications and cultural and social intelligence.
- Critical thinking: Problem solving and creativity and innovation.

Students will study four units over the duration of the course:

### Year 1:

- **Unit 1 - Human Lifespan and Development (External Exam)**

PIES - Physical, intellectual, emotional and social characteristics and factors affecting growth and development, interventions and the different professionals providing care and treatment.

- **Unit 3 – Principles of Health and Social Care Practice (Internal Assessment)**

Core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care, and the effect of social determinants on an individual health status.

### Year 2:

- **Unit 2 – Human Biology and Health (External Exam)**

Human body structure and systems, normal physiological functioning and the impact of common disorders.

- **Unit 6 – Safe Environments in Health and Social Care\* (Internal Assessment)**

Appropriate provisions in services relevant to different needs; governance relating to safe environments.

### Assessment

Units are worth 25% and are assessed using a grade scaling of Pass/Merit/Distinction and Distinction\*. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level.

### Entry criteria

As per the Sixth Form general entry criteria, students must achieve the minimum requirements of at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including both English and Maths.

Exam Board: PEARSON

Specification link: [Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care \(Certificate\) Specification](#)