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)**

Examines how people grow and develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially across the different stages of life, and the factors that can influence their development. It explores the interventions and the different professionals providing care and treatment.

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

Explores the values, skills and professional responsibilities needed to provide effective, person-centred care and support in health and social care settings. Examines the core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care.

Year 2:

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

Explores human body systems, how they function and interact, and how factors such as lifestyle, genetics and the environment can affect human health and wellbeing.

- **Unit 5 – Promoting Health Education* (Internal Assessment)**

Examines how health education initiatives are planned, delivered and evaluated to support individuals and communities in making informed choices that improve health and wellbeing.

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

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