

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

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Why Study Health & Social Care?

The course 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. It is equivalent in size to one A Level. The qualification supports access to a range of higher education courses possibly, but not exclusively, in health and social care, if taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications. The qualification typically makes up one-third of a study programme.

The mandatory content of the qualification incorporates topics relevant across the health and social care sector:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs.

Learners can select one optional unit that covers the biological and sociological topics relevant to the different parts of the sector to support their progression to specialised degree programmes in the sector.

We study: Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs

Assessment Structure

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development

Written exam 1 hour 30 mins 90 marks.

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care

Written exam 1 hour 30 mins 90 marks.

Internal assessment:

The mandatory synoptic assessment and optional unit require learners to

apply learning from across the qualification to the completion of a defined vocational task. Within the assessment for Unit 5 and Unit 12.



Possible Career Pathways:

Variety of roles in the Health and Social Care sector:

- Social Worker
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Nursing
- Therapy
- Counsellor
- Occupational therapist
- Personal trainer/Physician associate
- Youth worker

Advised Entry Requirements:

Level 4/5 in GCSE English

Specification Link

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html>