

BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care

EXAM BOARD: Pearson BTEC

What does the course cover?

This course is equivalent in size to one A-Level, in which learners will study three mandatory units. The course is for students interested in learning about the health and social care sector alongside other fields of study, probably with a view to progressing to a wide range of HE courses, not necessarily in the health or social care sector.

Learners taking this qualification will study three mandatory units, covering the following content areas:

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

Learners will also choose one option unit from a group (to be confirmed) with a view to supporting choices in progression to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily restricted to Health & Social Care. The option units cover the following content areas:

- Sociological perspectives
- Psychological perspective
- Additional needs
- Physiological disorders

What skills will the course help you develop?

This qualification is designed to support progression to employment via higher education. It also supports students choosing to progress directly to employment as the transferable knowledge, understanding and skills will give successful students an advantage in applying for a range of entry level roles, industry training programmes and Higher Apprenticeships.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through a combination of externally assessed (58%) and internally assessed units. Unit 1 & 2 will be assessed through a 90 minute written exam, available twice a year in January and May/June, which is set and marked by the exam board. Units 6 and the optional unit are internally assessed through research and portfolio based work.

What are the entry requirements?

Students wishing to study Health & Social Care should have at least 5 GCSEs A*-C. Good GCSEs in English, Maths and Science (A*-C) are desirable due to the demands of the course content and significant external (exam and task-based) methods of assessment.

What do students who study this course go on to do?

Because the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care is generally taken alongside other qualifications, as part of a two-year programme of learning, students will be able to choose a wide range of degree programme to progress to, depending on the other subjects they have chosen.

The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by HE providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many courses. For example, if taken alongside:

- A levels in Biology and Psychology, it could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- A levels in English and History, it could lead to a BA (Hons) in Primary Education
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport, it could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Sports Science
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development, it could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Social Work.

Students should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at specific HE providers.

Who is the staff contact for Applied Science?

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