

# BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

## Course introduction

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care is equivalent in size to '1 A Level'. It is a course where students will gain a 'broad' understanding of the sector, designed to support students studying other BTEC or A Level qualifications.

## Entrance requirements

Students who wish to study Health and Social Care must have acquired a minimum of 5 GCSEs or equivalent at 4-9 including Maths and English Language.



## How the course is taught

The course is taught mainly through classroom learning, using 'vocational' examples and experience. Where possible external visits and speakers are used to enhance the vocational element of the course.

It is recommended that 'work experience' in Year 12 involve Health and Social Care as the experience that students can gather is invaluable. Keeping up to date with changes is also vital, therefore reading newspapers, using the internet or 'Apps' on phones are good techniques.

## Areas covered by the course

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

## How the course is assessed

- 4 Units in Total
- 2 Written Exam Units
- 2 Coursework Units

## Career opportunities

This qualification is accepted at University, in the Nursing profession and Social Care. Career opportunities and courses to study include: childcare, nursing, midwifery, teaching and similar careers, police service, probation service, health visiting and paramedics. If you are interested in Midwifery you must also study A level Biology for the majority of Universities.

