
BTEC LEVEL 3 IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is designed for those who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector. They provide progression to the workplace either directly or via study at a higher level at university or other higher education institutions.

Examining Board
Edexcel

Specification
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma
in Health and Social Care (1080 GLH)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO THE BTEC COURSE

Please see the Sixth Form Admissions Policy for the entry requirements to this course.

THE BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA COURSE

This equates to 3 A Levels and will require 15 hours per week lesson time. There are 13 units in total, 8 are mandatory, of which 4 of these are externally assessed and 5 optional units of work to achieve your qualification.

The BTEC National Extended Diploma Course: 8 mandatory units.
Some of the mandatory units you will study include:

Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development

In this unit, you will explore the impact of both predictable and unpredictable life events, and recognise how they impact on individuals. You will study the interaction between the physical and psychological factors of the ageing process, and how this affects confidence and self-esteem, which in turn may determine how individuals will view their remaining years.

Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care

You will begin by looking at the range of roles and general responsibilities of people who work in health and social care settings. You will learn about the organisations that provide services in this sector, and the different settings in which these services are delivered according to the needs of the service user. You will learn about the ways these services are provided and about the barriers that can prevent people from getting the services they need.

Unit 3 – Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

In this unit, you will be taught the core knowledge of cellular structure and function and the organisation of the body as a whole. You will then build on this to develop a more detailed knowledge of the fine anatomy and physiology of the skeletal and muscular systems and those systems involved in energy metabolism.

Unit 5 – Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

In this unit, you will learn about the values and principles of meeting care and support needs and look at some of the ethical issues that arise when personalising care.

Unit 6 – Work Experience in Health and Social Care

In this unit, you will explore the benefits of work experience. You will then carry out and reflect on a period of work experience, and plan for personal and professional development.

The optional units (units will be chosen from the following based on the needs of the students taking the course)

▪ Sociological Perspectives ▪ Psychological Perspectives ▪ Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs ▪ Physiological Disorders and their Care ▪ Caring for individuals with Dementia ▪ Understanding Mental Wellbeing

CAREER AND UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITIES

Students who study Health and Social Care in the Sixth Form and beyond will have a huge range of occupations from which to choose.

This qualification has been designed to be the only qualification in a two-year, full-time study programme; it is an in-depth study of the health and social care sector. It supports progression to health and social care related degrees.