



BTEC Health and Social Care



STUDY LEVEL

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BTEC Health and Social Care offers a broad basis of study for the health and social care sector. It is a highly successful course which will stretch students and give them a varied insight into the world of health and social care and the importance of thought when dealing with vulnerable individuals.

BTEC is different from A level courses because it is more vocational in approach developing skills as well as knowledge. It's an ideal course for students who are more adept at continuous assessment (coursework) as there are no external examinations.

What will I study?

BTEC Health and Social Care Subsidiary Diploma (equivalent to one A level).

Within this you will study 6 units of work, 3 in the first year and 3 in the second year: Communication and values, equality and diversity, human growth and development, health and safety in care amongst other topics.

Co-curricular activities

Work experience is a great way of making you aware of the demands and benefits of working in health and social care and we strongly recommend that all students engage in at least one work placement over the duration of the course. Where possible, we offer trips to university nursing departments or other care settings. The college also welcomes visiting guest speakers from a variety of health and social care professions.

Where might it lead?

BTEC Health and Social Care courses when combined with the correct A level or BTEC programme, offers an excellent route to university for a variety of degrees. Students have progressed onto higher study or employment within nursing, midwifery, primary education, social work, plus many other areas where interaction with the public is a large part of the job.

Course Breakdown

Course Summary

- Exam board is Pearson

BTEC Subsidiary Health and Social Care (30 Credits)

Year 1

Unit	Content	Credit Value	Weighting
Unit 1	Developing Effective Communication in Health and Social Care	10	60 GLH
Unit 2	Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care	10	60 GLH
Unit 4	Development Through the Life Stages	10	60 GLH

Year 2

Unit	Content	Credit Value	Weighting
Unit 3	Health, Safety and Security in Health and Social Care	10	60 GLH
Unit 11	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	10	60 GLH
Unit 14	Physiological Disorders	10	60 GLH

Summary of Content

The course provides excellent preparation for further study at University or in employment, and is an excellent grounding for anyone interested in working with people of a variety of ages, in a range of settings from: babies and children, to people with special needs or learning difficulties, to families and young people and the elderly. If you have an approachable, trustworthy, enthusiastic and compassionate nature, this is an ideal course for you.

Preparation for September

We don't expect you to do any preparation as such for September, but it would do you no harm to volunteer in a care setting over the summer break in order to get some work experience so that you can apply your experience to aspects of the course.