

Sixth Form

BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Duration:

1 Year for Certificate, 2 years for Extended Certificate

Specification: Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate and Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

This qualification 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.

Entry Requirements/Student Suitability:

Students are required to reach the Wadebridge Sixth Form Level 3 entry criteria. Students will need to be extremely well organised to cope with the coursework element in this specification.

Course Content:

The 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.
- Psychological perspectives

Year 12: Certificate

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (Written exam set and marked by Pearson).

You will develop your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development. You will explore the key aspects of growth and development, and the experience of health and wellbeing. You will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health.

Unit 5: Meeting individual care and support needs. (coursework assignments)

This unit introduces you to the values and issues to be considered when planning care and support that meet the needs of an individual in a health and social care environment. It will be useful for a career as a social worker or health visitor, practice nurse or occupational therapist.

Year 13: Extended Certificate

Unit 2: Working in health and social care (Written exam set and marked by Pearson).

This unit will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. You will learn about your responsibilities, including maintaining the safety of and safeguarding individuals, handling their personal information and preventing discrimination towards them. You will understand your accountability to these individuals and the regulatory bodies that represent people who work in the health and social care sector.

Unit 11: Psychological perspectives (coursework assignments)

You will learn about the different psychological perspectives and how these approaches have influenced thinking and practices in meeting and supporting service user needs. You will explore some key ideas that will give you a good understanding of how the mind develops, and the factors that influence development and behaviours.

Methods of Study:

- Individual written assignments
- Writing and discussing case studies.
- Individual and group presentations.
- Awareness of topical issues within the health, care and early years sectors.
- Practice exam questions.
- Visiting care settings
- Interviewing practitioners and service users.

Independent Study Time:

A successful Health & Social Care student will need to complete independent study by keeping up to date with topical issues, within the sector. They will need to complete practice exam questions, specific homework tasks and coursework assignments on a regular basis. Coursework is assessed regularly to monitor a student's progress and allow for the provision of individual feedback including strategies for improvement.

Progression and the Future:

This qualification will enable learners to progress to a degree programme both within the health and social care sector or in other sectors. It carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education institutions.

Staff

The curriculum leader for HSC has many years experience of teaching the subject both in KS4 and KS5. She has over 20 years experience as an examiner and BTEC verifier and is currently a Principal Examiner and Lead Assessment Writer for HSC.

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How to Apply:

The Application Process begins in February of each year. Please contact Debbie Chick, Sixth Form Support, for further information or to request an application form.

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