

Course Title: BTEC Health and Social Care

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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Why study Health and Social Care?

The new BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care will give learners an insight into what it is like to work in one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK.

The course covers some of the fundamental aspects of health and social care, including growth and development, health and social care services and values, and health and wellbeing, giving learners a broad introduction to a sector that transects a wide range of careers from social care and social work to many different branches of healthcare. The breadth of this course allows learners to identify their strengths and interests to help inform their next steps in education and training.

Course Outline

You will cover three components during the two-year course.

Component 1: Human Lifespan Development

Learners will explore different aspects of growth and development and the factors that can affect this across the life stages. They will explore the different events that can impact on individuals' physical, intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) development and how individuals cope with and are supported through changes caused by life events.

This component is internally assessed and externally moderated. The assignment for this component consists of four tasks which will take approximately six supervised hours to complete. This will be carried out under exam conditions in February of Year 10 and is worth 30% of the final grade.

Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values

Learners will explore health and social care services and values and how they meet the needs of service users. They will also study the skills, attributes and values required when giving care.

This component is internally assessed and externally moderated. The assignment for this component consists of five tasks and will take approximately supervised hours to complete. This will be carried out under exam conditions in October of Year 11 and is worth 30% of the final grade.

Any work experience that you can gain in the Health and Social Care Sector will be extremely beneficial for this component.



Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

Learners will explore the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learning about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and person-centred approaches to make recommendations to improve an individual's health and wellbeing.

This component is externally assessed through a two-hour written exam which takes place in May/June of Year 11. Learners will apply their knowledge and understanding of human lifespan development and life events, sources and types of support, health and social care services, the skills, attributes and values that contribute to care and the barriers and personal obstacles to accessing services. The exam is worth 60 marks (40% of the final grade) and is completed under supervised conditions.

More information and the full syllabus can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/health-and-social-care-2022.html>

Assessment Format

All learners must complete both coursework assignments under exam conditions, along with a written exam. They will be graded for each component and a cumulative final grade awarded based on a total score from all three components.

It is important to recognise that formal assessments, which count towards their final grade, take place throughout the course and not just at the end of Year 11.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

You will need to have achieved a good level in English and be able to complete coursework in some depth, following detailed, independent research. You will need to be hard-working, proactive and able to use your own initiative, along with having a curious and engaged work ethic. Good attendance is also important as you will be completing coursework throughout the two years of the course. Finally, you will need to be able to work effectively as part of a team with different types of people.

Possible Careers and Future Education

Learners could go on to study A Levels as preparation for entry to higher education in a range of subjects. They could also study a vocational qualification at Level 3, such as a BTEC National in Health and Social Care, which prepares learners to enter employment or apprenticeships, or to move on to higher education by studying a degree in the health or social care sector.

It would also be useful as a starting point for anyone interested in the study of Sociology or Psychology or for anyone thinking about a future career in the Health, Social Care or Early Years sectors.

The study of Health and Social Care can lead to a huge range of job opportunities, including working as a doctor, nurse, midwife, paramedic, physiotherapist, health care assistant, social worker, police officer, teacher, counsellor, prison officer and care home manager to name but a few!

