



Health and Social Care BTEC (Extended Certificate)

Who is this qualification for?

THE Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) is for students 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 and supports access to a range of higher education courses. The qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a study programme and can link to learning in A Levels such as Psychology, Biology or English. It is intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

What does this qualification cover?

Four units, of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external.

Breakdown of assessment

The course consists of 4 units

Three mandatory units:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (External exam)

Unit 2: Human Biology and Health (External exam)

Unit 3: Principles of Health and Social Care Practice
(Internal assessment)

One optional unit:

Unit 5: Promoting Health Education (Internal assessment)

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed both externally and internally, through externally marked exams or by assignments that are marked in school.

The qualification grade is an aggregation of a learner's unit level performance across the four units of study over the two years. At the end of the course you will be awarded a
PASS
MERIT
DISTINCTION
or DISTINCTION*

What could this qualification lead to?

It should be taken alongside two other subjects such as an A Level in Biology and further Level 3 qualifications, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing or a BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Science, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science, amongst other degree courses such as Primary Teaching and Educational Studies.

What skills do you need to be successful in this course?

- The ability to learn independently and meet deadlines.
- The ability to research actively and methodically.
- To be able to give presentations and work cooperatively.
- The ability to write effectively.
- The ability to communicate effectively.

Entry Requirements

- Grade 4 or above in GCSE Science
- Grade 4 or above in Mathematics and English
- 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above (or BTEC equivalent)



Studying Health and Social Care in Year 11 is not a requirement of the course but it will help.