



Health & Social Care BTEC

Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

Who is this qualification for?

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care 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.

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification consists of 3 mandatory or compulsory units and one optional unit as outlined below.

Breakdown of assessment

The course consists of 4 units;

Three mandatory units:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development

Unit 2: Working in Health & Social Care

Unit 5: Meeting individual Care and Support Needs

One optional unit:

Unit 14: Physiological Disorders and their Care

Types of Assessment:

Assignment which is set and marked internally (Unit 5 and 14)

Written Exam which is set and marked externally (Unit 1 and 2)

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 co-operatively.
- 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**



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