

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

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Name of Subject - Health and Social Care

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

Edexcel Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate Health and Social Care

Why should I study this course?

Studying Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care equips students with the necessary skills needed for careers in the health and social care sector. You will learn to manage your time and workload due to the demanding nature of the controlled assessments.

There are various career routes you can take after studying Health and Social Care such as further study for example a Health and Social Care related degree; Child Development Studies; Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care; social worker, residential worker, nurse, midwife, nursery nurse, teacher are amongst many of the potential opportunities open to Health and Social Care students.

Who is suitable to study this course?

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What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?

It is not necessary to have studied Health and Social Care at Level 2/GCSE to be accepted on to the Level 3 HSC. English and Maths GCSE are key. Science would be an advantage.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

To be accepted on to the Health and Social Care course you are required to have at least 5 GCSEs at level 4 and above; this needs to include English and Maths.

How is the Course Delivered?

BTEC Health and Social is delivered by Mrs Rutter. It can be studied alongside other BTECS or A Levels (it is equivalent to one A level). You will have 5 hours of lessons per week. BTEC Health and Social Care Level 3 is assessed through two external examinations and coursework. You will complete coursework through various methods including; information sheets, presentations, ICT presentations and essays.

Year One

Unit 1: Exam – Human Lifespan Development. Students will cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 5: Coursework – Meeting Individual Care Needs. Students will focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

Year Two

Unit 2: Exam – Working in Health and Social Care. Students will explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.

Unit 14: Coursework – Physiological Disorders and their Care. Students will explore types of physiological disorders, the procedures for diagnosis, and the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users

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Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Unit 1 Exam Preparation	Unit 2 Exam Preparation
Autumn 2	Unit 1 Exam Preparation	Unit 2 Exam Preparation
Spring 1	Unit 5 Coursework	Unit 2 Exam Preparation
Spring 2	Unit 5 Coursework	Unit 14 Coursework
Summer 1	Unit 5 Coursework	Unit 14 Coursework
Summer 2	Unit 2 Exam Preparation	Exam Resit Preparation

How is the Course Assessed?

BTEC Health and Social Care Level 3 is assessed through two external examinations and coursework. You will complete coursework through various methods including; information sheets, presentations, ICT presentations and essays. Students will sit the exams in January of Y12 and Y13. The exams are 90 minutes long. You are allowed to resit the exam once (in the summer term).

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

The Health and Care Professions Council (HPC) www.hpc-uk.org

<https://digital.nhs.uk/>

The Care Quality Commission has information about how the best care can be provided at www.cqc.org.uk/content/help-advice