

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - Health and Social Care

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate (360 glh) Equivalent to one A Level

Why should I study this course? -

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care aims to provide an introduction to the health sector. It is an excellent pathway for any learners who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector, and are interested in pursuing a career in areas such as nursing, education and social work.

Who is suitable to study this course? -

This qualification is generally taken alongside other qualifications as part of a 2–year programme of learning. This will enable learners to progress to a degree programme chosen from a range of programmes in the health and social care sector. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education institutions as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. It can be taken alongside, for example:

- A Levels in Biology and Psychology, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- A Levels in English and History, which could lead to a BA (Hons) in Primary Education
- A Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity which could lead to a degree in Sports Coaching or Sports Science.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?

GCSE or equivalent qualifications in health and social care are preferable but not essential. Qualifications in science and English also support this subject.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

A minimum of 5 GCSEs or equivalent grade 4 or above.

How is the Course Delivered? - 5 lessons per week will be delivered by two specialist teachers. Due to the vocational nature of the course there is an expectation that learners will keep up to date with key changes within the health and social care sector and understand how to apply their knowledge to the ever changing environment.

Subject Overview	
Year 12	Year 13
Human Lifespan Development (externally assessed examination)	Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (internally assessed coursework)
Working in Health and Social Care (externally assessed, examination)	Physiological Disorders and their Care (internally assessed coursework)

How is the Course Assessed?

360 GLH (480 TQT) Equivalent in size to one A Level. 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external. Mandatory content (83%). External assessment (58%).

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

As well as academic resources, you may also find the following suggested websites useful.

- [World Health Organisation](#)