



SUBJECT & QUALIFICATION:

Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Health & Social Care

Why is the study of Health & Social Care important?

About 3 million people work in health and social care. Health care roles include doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants, while social care roles include care assistants, occupational therapists, counsellors and administrators. Together, they account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs in the UK. Demand for both health and social care is likely to rise, so they will continue to play a key role in UK society and the demand for people to carry out these vital roles will increase. Study of this sector at Key Stage 4 will complement GCSE study through providing an opportunity for practical application alongside conceptual study. There are also strong opportunities for post-16 progression in this important sector.

You will develop key skills, such as research, report drafting and writing skills and project management. The qualification is 120 GLH, which is the same size and level as a GCSE and is aimed at everyone who wants to find out more about Health and Social Care.

You will study the following three mandatory components, covering the underpinning knowledge and practical skills required to work in Health and Social Care:

- 1 Human Lifespan Development
- 2 Health and Social Care Services and Values
- 3 Health and Wellbeing

What skills will the study of Health & Social Care teach you?

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What will you know and understand from your study of Health & Social Care?

This course gives learners the opportunity to develop applied knowledge in the following areas:

- the life stages and key characteristics in the physical, intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) development classifications and the different factors that can affect an individual's growth and development.
- different life events and how individuals can adapt or be supported through changes caused by life events
- health and social care conditions, how they can be managed by the individual and the different health and social care



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services that are available

- the barriers and obstacles an individual may encounter and how these can be overcome
- the skills, attributes and values required to give care and how these benefit the individual
- how factors can affect an individual's current health and wellbeing
- how physiological indicators and an individual's lifestyle choices determine physical health
- the use of the person-centred approach
- recommendations and actions to improving health and wellbeing and the barriers or obstacles individuals may face when following recommendations and the support available to overcome.

This Tech Award complements the learning in GCSE programmes such as GCSE English. It will complement the more theoretical aspects covered by GCSE Biology or GCSE Psychology by allowing you to apply your knowledge in a vocational context.

How can you deepen your understanding of Health & Social Care?

The opportunity to access a range of enrichment opportunities both at the academy and during your free time through both practical and theoretical sessions. All resources and further study opportunities will also be available on google classroom to work on at home independently.

External speakers may visit the academy to further enhance your knowledge and understanding of the key concepts you will learn.

How are you assessed in Health & Social Care?

The three components in the qualification give learners the opportunity to develop applied knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector, at Levels 1 and 2.

Components 1 and 2 are assessed through non-exam internal assessment. The non-exam internal assessment for these components has been designed to demonstrate application of the conceptual knowledge underpinning the sector through realistic tasks and activities. This style of assessment promotes deep learning through ensuring the connection between knowledge and practice.

There is one external assessment, Component 3, which provides the main synoptic assessment for the qualification. Component 3 builds directly on Components 1 and 2 and enables learning to be brought together and applied to realistic contexts. Component 3: Health and Wellbeing requires learners to study the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learn about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and person-centred approaches to make recommendations and actions to improve health and wellbeing. The design of this external assessment ensures that there is sufficient stretch and challenge, enabling the assessment of knowledge and understanding at the end of the learning period. The external assessment is based on a written assessment that requires learners to demonstrate that they can identify



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and apply concepts, theories and knowledge from across the whole qualification in an integrated way. The external assessment takes the form of an examination taken under supervised conditions, which is then marked and a grade awarded by Pearson. The external assessment comprises 40 per cent of the total GLH of the qualification and is weighted accordingly in the calculation of the overall qualification grade.

Key Assessment Objectives

The 8 key learning objectives for Health & Social Care are:

Component 1 - Human Lifespan Development

LO1 A Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it

LO1 B Understand how individuals deal with life events.

Component 2 - Health & Social Care Services and Values

LO2 A Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them

LO2 B Understand the skills, attributes and values required to give care.

Component 3 - Health & Well Being

AO1 Knowledge of health and wellbeing

AO2 Understanding of health and wellbeing

AO3 Apply knowledge and understanding of health and wellbeing

AO4 Analyse and evaluate knowledge and understanding of health and wellbeing

Coursework requirements

There are 2 coursework units each accounting for 30%, totalling to 60% of the final qualification grade.

Component 1 focuses on:

- the development of applied knowledge and understanding of human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect this, and how individuals deal with life events

Component 2 focuses on:

- the development of applied knowledge and understanding of different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them, and the skills, attributes and values required to give care.



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Non-exam internal assessment is delivered through Pearson-set Assignments. These assignments are set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson. For each component new assignments are released twice a year through the secure area of our website. Each Pearson-set Assignment will be clearly marked with the assessment series and academic year of release; centres must ensure that they are using the current series' assignment to assess their learners. Centres must use these assignments for summative assessments and the assignments must be completed under supervised conditions. Centres will mark the completed assignments using the descriptors in the marking grid given in each component.

How can Health & Social Care support your future?

Study of the qualification as part of Key Stage 4 learning will help you to make more informed choices for further learning, either generally or in this sector. The choices that you can make post-16 will depend on your overall level of attainment and their performance in the qualification.

Students who generally achieve at Level 2 across their Key Stage 4 learning might consider progression to:

- A Levels as preparation for entry to higher education in a range of subjects
- study of a vocational qualification at Level 3, such as a BTEC National in Health and Social Care, which prepares you to enter employment or apprenticeships, or to move on to higher education by studying a degree in aspects of health or social care.

Students who generally achieve at Level 1 across their Key Stage 4 learning might consider progression to:

- study at Level 2 post-16 in a range of technical routes designed to lead to work, to progression to employment, to apprenticeships or to further study at Level 3. For these students, the attitudes and the reflective and communication skills covered in this qualification will help them achieve
- study of health and social care post-16 through the study of a Technical Certificate. Students who perform strongly in this qualification compared to their overall performance should strongly consider this progression route as it can ultimately lead to employment in the health or social care sector.

You may wish to build on an interest in human growth and development but take it in a different direction (at either Level 2 or Level 3) by studying for qualifications in Early Years education.

Study of Health & Social care can lead to a wide range of careers:

The health and social care sector offers a wide variety of careers including occupational therapist, doctors, nurses, counsellor, rehab worker, health psychologist, pharmacist, midwifery, paramedic and many more.



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Term	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn 1	Component 1 - A Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it	Component 2 revision and start of PSA
Autumn 2	Component 1 - B Understand how individuals deal with life events.	Component 2 PSA
Spring 1	Component 1 revision and start of PSA (Pearson's Set Assignment)	Component 3 - A Factors that affect health and wellbeing
Spring 2	Component 1 PSA	Component 3 - B Interpreting health indicators
Summer 1	Component 2 - A Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them	Component 3 - C Person-centred approach to improving health and wellbeing Terminal exam
Summer 2	Component 2 - B Understand the skills, attributes and values required to give care.	

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Term	Year 1	Year 2
Autumn 1	Component 2 - A Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them	Component 1 - Revision and start of PSA
Autumn 2	Component 2 - B Understand the skills, attributes and values required to give care. Component 2 - PSA	Component 1 PSA
Spring 1	Component 1 - A Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it	Component 3 - A Factors that affect health and wellbeing
Spring 2	Component 1 - A Revision for PSA/ Mock PSA	Component 3 - B Interpreting health indicators
Summer 1	Component 1 - B Understand how individuals deal with life events.	Component 3 - C Person-centred approach to improving health and wellbeing Terminal exam
Summer 2	Component 1 - B Revision for PSA/ Mock PSA	