

BTEC Health and Social Care (Level 3 Diploma)



Introduction:

Health and Social Care is a very popular vocational area with a wide range of opportunities for young people who have a caring nature. There is a huge demand for well qualified care professionals in society and demographic factors indicate that this demand will continue to grow. We equip students with a range of relevant skills for care occupations, engender an understanding of the attitudes and personal qualities essential for working in HSC and develop students' knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues within the care field. This course is a Level 3 BTEC Diploma, which is equivalent to two IB subjects or A-levels.

Course structure:

The course is made up of 8 units:

Year 12

- **Unit 1** – Human lifespan development (Externally Assessed)
- **Unit 2** – Working in health and social care (Externally Assessed)
- **Unit 7** – Principles of safe practice in health and social care (Internally Assessed)
- **Unit 19** – Nutritional health (Internally Assessed)

Year 13

- **Unit 4** – enquiries into current research in health and social care (externally assessed)
- **Unit 5** – Meeting individual care and support needs (internally assessed)
- **Unit 8** – Promoting public health (internally assessed)
- **Unit 12** – Supporting individuals with additional needs (internally assessed)

Entry requirements:

To be admitted onto this course you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Grade 5+ in GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature
- Grade 4+ in GCSE Maths and GCSE Science

Careers:

Including, but not limited to:

- **Medical** – nursing, midwifery, imaging technician, physiotherapy and occupational therapy.
- **Early Years Education** – pre-school carer, nursery carer, infant and lower primary school teacher.
- **Social Work** – social worker, support worker, residential care worker, community care worker.

Assessment:

Internal assessment (54%):

Year 12:

- Unit 7
- Unit 19

Year 13:

- Unit 5
- Unit 8
- Unit 12

External assessment (46%):

Year 12:

- Unit 1 (1 hour 30 minutes)
- Unit 2 (1 hour 30 minutes)

Year 13:

- Unit 4 (3 hour assessment)