

Exam board: Edexcel: Health and Social Care:

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Hillcrest Sixth Form



BTEC Level 3
Health and Social Care



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What does studying BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care involve?

Health and Social Care offers learners the opportunity to study a broad selection of health-related topics. The course consists of thirteen units. Three of the units will be examined and one will be a research task marked externally. The remaining nine units will be course work units. These will cover all aspects of working in health. Some units are specific for example caring for people with dementia whilst others are more general for example keeping individuals safe in Health and Social Care Settings or Communicating in Health and Social Care Settings. The course also involves 100 hours of work experience which must be completed in three different placements.

What skills will I develop?

A desire to help people is not enough to become an effective carer. You will need to develop the skills to be a professional. Learners must understand the need to act professionally abiding by the codes of conduct and ethics that govern healthcare professionals. To this aim studying Health and Social Care allows you to develop the following skills:

- Decision making based on knowledge and understanding without being influenced by personal beliefs.
- Communication skills to support service users
- Practical skills
- Working with others
- ICT
- Research

What subjects compliment Health and Social Care?

Most students studying Health and Social Care study the extended diploma which is equivalent to three "A" Levels. This qualification is accepted by universities for students wishing to take a health related degree.

Where will the subject take me?

Those studying Health and Social Care in the past have gone on to study in such diverse fields as nursing, social work, criminology, occupational therapy, mental health, carer and supporting those with disabilities.

Entry requirements:

Students should have achieved 5 GCSE'S grade A*-C/9-5 preferably including English, Mathematics and Science.

Course content:

Eighteen units are studied over the two years. These will cover topics such as Communication, Equality and Diversity, Health and Safety, Human Biology, Caring for the elderly, Caring for those with dementia, Genetics and Diseases

Assessment:

42% of the final grade is from examinations. The remainder is from course work. Learners must also satisfactorily complete 100 hours of work experience.

Suggested reading material:

Health and Social Care Level 3 Book 1 Beryl Stretch Heinemann
9781846907463
Health and Social Care Level 3 Book 2 Beryl Stretch Heinemann
9781846907470

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