

# Health & Social Care

About 5 million people work in health and social care in the UK. These include; doctors, nurses, midwives, care assistants, and counsellors. They account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs in the UK.

The 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.

Within the course you will gain an insight into lots of different elements of the sector including physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, factors affecting human growth and development and the societal effects of an ageing population.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are 2 elements of assessment, internal and external.

If you select the **1 year AS equivalent** size qualification (National Certificate) you will undertake;

**Unit 1** – Human Lifespan Development – Externally assessed (1½ hours written examination worth 90 marks)

**Unit 5** – Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs – Internally assessed (externally moderated coursework marked at pass, merit or distinction level)

If you undertake the **2 year A Level** equivalent size qualification (National Extended Certificate) you will cover units 1 and 5 as outlined above as well as Unit 2 and one other unit from a choice of 4 topics

**Unit 2** – Working in Health and Social Care – Externally assessed 1½ hours written examination worth 80 marks)

**Optional unit** - including Sociological Perspectives, Psychological Perspectives, Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs and Physiological Disorders and Their Care.

The optional unit is internally assessed and externally moderated. You will be awarded marks at pass, merit or distinction level.

## HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

In a similar way to all post-16 subjects you will have formal lessons which could be teacher led, coursework seminars or tutorials as well as planned revision in preparation for external assessment. There is also an opportunity to undertake work experience in an approved Health and Social Care Setting.

## WHY STUDY IT?

As with all BTEC qualifications they can provide you with transferable knowledge and skills that prepare you for progression to university or employment. Students in the past have entered employment after university in fields such as Nursing, Primary Education and Social Work.

Level 3 BTEC

Board: Pearson

1 or 2 Year Course Available

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our entrance requirements are 6 GCSE/ BTEC passes at Grade 4 (or equivalent) or above. It is also desirable for students to achieve a Grade 5 or above in the subject (or related subjects) that they wish to study at Sixth Form.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT

It is essential that you discuss your subject choices fully with teachers and parents.

The subject page is available to view below.



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