

Health & Social Care

BTEC First Diploma

Edexcel

Structure & Specification

Health and Social Care is a one year course which is made up of six units of portfolio work.

Syllabus details

Edexcel BTEC Level 2.

What does the course include?

The course is made up of **six units** – two core units that everyone takes and four specialist units.

The specialist units enable you to study a particular area of care in more depth.

You will need to study two core units:

Unit 1: Communication and Individual Rights within the Health and Social Care Sectors.

Unit 2: Individual Needs within the Health and Social Care Sectors.

You will then have to complete the following four units designed to develop specific skills required for working in the caring profession:

- Vocational Experience in a Health or Social Care Setting. This includes two weeks work experience in a care setting.
- Cultural Diversity in Health and Social Care where you will learn about Human diversity and how this impacts on delivering care.
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care. You will learn about how the human body works and how different illnesses are caused.
- Human Lifespan Development. This focuses on how we develop from children to adults.

How will I learn?

The responsibility for delivering this course is divided between four teachers. Class work will take a variety of forms and a range of learning activities will be used. Your time in lessons will involve you in working both individually and as a member of a group. You will learn how to prepare and give presentations, read and extract information from texts and write reports. This course also will require you to demonstrate some practical caring skills.

How will my work be assessed?

All units are assessed and graded, they are then put together to form an overall grade.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

It is very important that you have an interest in the health and social care field and that you will be prepared to work both consistently and conscientiously on this course. Organisational skills are required and will be developed further during your time with us. Communication skills are important and the ability to demonstrate effective methods of communication, both oral and written, makes up a large part of your course. Willingness to participate fully in class discussion will ensure that you get the most out of lessons.

What are the entry requirements?

A BTEC Introductory Diploma in a Health and Social Care at Merit or Distinction level or GCSEs grades D or E.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

You can progress to BTEC National or to Advanced level work if you achieve a Merit or a Distinction. Alternatively you could move into further training or into employment.