

Health and Social Care

BTEC National Certificate

Edexcel

Structure & Specification

Twelve units of equal standard taken over two years. The final qualification is equivalent to two A Levels. After the first year of the course you will have the equivalent of one A Level.

Syllabus details

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What does the course include?

Year One

Unit 1- Developing Effective Communication in Health and Social Care. You will learn about the importance of communication in different care sectors and the barriers faced by different clients.

Unit 2 – Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health and Social Care. You will investigate how care settings promote the rights of individuals and how anti-discriminatory legislation has influenced the provision of care.

Unit 3- Health, Safety and Security. You will be able to identify potential hazards in care settings and how to reduce these risks as well as gaining an understanding of relevant legislation.

Unit 4 – Development Through the Life

Stages. You will study the process of development from birth through to old age and how this is influenced by life factors and events.

Unit 5 – Anatomy and Physiology You will learn about the structure and function of the human body.

Unit 6 – Personal and Professional Development in Health and Social Care. You will develop your own potential by assessing your own skills through work experience.

Year Two

Unit 7 – Sociological Perspectives for Health and Social Care. You will investigate how sociological theory helps us understand different clients.

Unit 8 – Psychological Perspectives for Health and Social Care. You will develop an understanding of how psychologists explain behaviour.

You will also study a further four units developing your understanding of both Health Care and Social Care.

How will I learn?

The course is divided between four teachers, one of whom will be your tutor. During the course it will be necessary to learn some theory but the emphasis of the course will be practical activities. Class work will take a variety of forms: Individual research, presentations, discussions, reports and displays.

You will be developing your writing both in structured and unstructured formats, learning how to draw information from a wide range of sources and learning how to present this information in different ways.

You will also have the opportunity to visit local care providers as well as learning from

How will my work be assessed?

All units will be assessed by portfolio assignments.

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

You will need highly developed organisational skills in order to manage the demands of this course. You need to be able to understand complex theoretical concepts and apply these to given situations. You will need to develop good research skills and the ability to use these effectively.

You will need to be able to write clear and detailed answers to questions and be willing to use ICT to help you present information. Finally you must have a genuine interest in Health and Social Care and a desire to succeed.

What are the entry requirements?

Four GCSEs at grade C or above. GCSE English and Maths are desirable but not essential.

Students with a Merit at BTEC First Diploma are also well suited to this course.

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

Success in this course would enable you to progress to Higher Education including Nursing or Social Work. The course also prepares you for starting work.