

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BTEC

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## For whom is this course suitable?

BTECs are vocational qualifications designed to give students the skills they need to either move on to higher education or go straight into employment. BTECs are work-related qualifications suitable for a wide range of students. They are built to accommodate the needs of employers. They provide a practical, real-world approach to learning without sacrificing any of the essential subject theory. They can be taken alongside, or in place of A Levels.

This course is for:

- Those who have an interest in the social care setting (e.g. Nursery, Teaching, Counselling, Social Worker, Family support worker, Behaviour Support Worker, Fostering, Prison Officer, Emotional and Wellbeing Therapist) or the health care setting (e.g. NHS, Private Care, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Therapist)
- Those who may want to go straight into work rather than higher education.
- Those who prefer coursework to exams as you will prepare for four internal assessed assignments and two external assessed units.

## What will I learn on this course?

Topics include the following Mandatory Units:

- Human Lifespan and Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

There will also be one Optional Unit from the following list: Psychological Perspectives, Sociological Perspectives, Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs, or Psychological Disorders and their Care.

There is some teaching but there is also a lot of independent research and written work in terms of regular assignments. The ability to write clearly and accurately is important, as well as being an independent learner. You need perseverance and the ability to take feedback.

## What could I do at the end of my course?

A vocational qualification that can lead to further study at college, university or a career in the social care setting. The BTEC provides a route to employment into the many diverse areas of Health and Social Care. With the merit and distinction grading, the qualifications may be used in applications to appropriate courses at university.