

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BTEC (L3)

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For whom is this course suitable?

This is a Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care, completed as a BTEC vocational course over two years. This BTEC certificate was designed in collaboration with employers of the sector and therefore includes content that is closely aligned with employers' and higher education needs for a skilled future workforce. The course consists of two units of exams, and four units of coursework, all of which is closely monitored and supported by teachers.

This is a holistic course; each unit will interact with other units. In Year 12 learners will study human lifespan and development along with meeting individual needs. In year 13 learners will study working in health and social care and sociological perspectives.

This course is for:

- Those who intend to pursue a career in a health and social care setting or the public sector
- Those who wish to go on to do higher education degrees in areas such as social care, youth work, healthcare management, midwifery or nursing.
- Those who feel they perform better through coursework, as you will prepare for four internally assessed assignments and two externally assessed exams.

What will I learn on this course?

Topics include the following units:

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

As well as a robust teaching agenda, 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.

What could I do at the end of my course?

The BTEC provides a route to employment into the many diverse areas of Health and Social Care. This course is awarded UCAS points for learners to progress to higher education as well as into apprenticeships. Otherwise, employers recognise this qualification as well if you wish to go into full-time work. Some career options are listed below, but are non-exhaustive:

Teaching, Counselling, Social Work, Family support work, Prison Officer, Emotional and Wellbeing Therapist, Police force, NHS, Private healthcare, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy.

