



Health and Social Care

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma or Extended Diploma

Exam Board: **Pearson**

What is Health and Social Care?

Health and Social Care provides a basic introduction to the health and social care sector, for example social workers, youth workers, care managers, support workers as well as many other professions. The units studied will allow students to develop their knowledge for working with people in every stage of their lives, giving students a knowledge of patterns of human growth and development, and factors that can influence health. This particular qualification is equivalent in size to 2 A Levels (*National Diploma*) or 3 A Levels (*Extended Diploma*).

What will I study?

Mandatory Units:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (*Extended Diploma Only*)
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care (*Extended Diploma Only*)

Optional Units:

National Diploma students will take a further 2 optional units whereas Extended Diploma students will take a further 5 optional units.

What entry requirements will I need?

General entry requirements for these particular pathways apply.

How will I be taught?

Students will be taught through a variety of teaching techniques with a combination of practical and theoretical lessons. Extended Diploma students will also complete work experience in a variety of Health and Social Care settings.

How will I be assessed?

A combination of written examination, coursework and tasks set by Pearson in exam conditions with time constraints.

What career opportunities does this open up?

This is a vocational qualification offering a practical and relevant start to anyone interested in a career in the caring professions e.g. nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, social work and many more.