

BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Entry requirements - 5 grade A-C at GCSE

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to work in the Health or Social Care services. It is the equivalent of 2 'A' Levels and consists of 12 units of work, completed over 2 years. Examples of the topics covered include:

- Developing effective communication
- Development through life stages
- Fundamentals of anatomy and physiology
- Personal and professional development
- Public health
- Psychological disorders
- Caring for children and young people

This BTEC National course offers students opportunities to explore and develop many of the skills essential to the operation of health and social care services, such as interpersonal interaction and communication. Students will gain an understanding of how people grow and develop, reflecting on the importance of a variety of factors on development and considering the positive and negative aspects of the aging process. Students will develop a detailed knowledge of the fine anatomy and physiology of the body's main organ systems and learn how these systems of the body are measure to ensure normal body functioning. Students will have the opportunity to undertake a period of work experience to gain experience of, for example, health and safety issues, roles and responsibilities of employees, and personal and professional development within the health and social care services.

This course is assessed through 100% coursework and there are no external examinations.

This is a nationally recognised qualification for entering employment in the health and social care sectors or for progressing on to higher education to study for degrees in nursing, social work or other related disciplines.