**BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care**



**What will I need to study this course?**

You don't need to have studied Health and Social Care before taking the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate. Good written communication skills are important, so having a grade 5 or higher in GCSE  
 English Language would be helpful.

**What will I study?**

In the Health and Social Care course, you'll explore topics such as human lifespan development, factors affecting quality of life in health and social care settings, health conditions, early years care, social care, and issues in the care sector. You'll learn how to meet service users' needs and communicate effectively. The course also emphasizes research, evaluation, and problem-solving in a work-related context.

**How is the course assessed?**

Year One

* Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development: Assessed through an external exam lasting 1.5 hours, taken in January of Year 12.
* Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care Needs: Assessed internally through a portfolio of evidence focusing on care and support.

  Year Two

* Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care: Assessed externally through a 1.5-hour exam, taken in January of Year 2.
* Unit 14: Physiological Disorders: Assessed internally through a portfolio of evidence covering causes, symptoms, and treatments of disorders. (Unit details may change.)

External assessments make up 58% of the course, while internal assessments contribute 42%.

**Where next?**

Studying Health and Social Care provides a broad understanding of its principles and offers pathways to careers in nursing, paediatrics, midwifery, social work, teaching, police service, probation service, medicine, paramedics, mental health, and counselling. It's a valuable foundation for various professions focused on helping and supporting others.

What Can I do with a Health and Social Degree?



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