

The BTEC National in Health and Social Care has been developed in the health and social care sector to provide a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification. It gives full time students an opportunity to progress onto higher education or to enter employment in the health and social care sector through developing a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

The National Extended Certificate (equivalent to one A-level) consists of three mandatory units and one optional unit chosen by the college.

### Entry requirements

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grades 4-9 (or BTEC equivalents).

### Course Content

During the two year course students will study **three** compulsory units :

- ◆ Human Lifespan Development (externally assessed)
- ◆ Working in Health and Social Care (externally assessed)
- ◆ Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (internally assessed)

They will also study **one** optional unit from the following list:

- ◆ Sociological Perspectives, Psychological Perspectives, Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs, Physiological Disorders and their Care,

## Assessment

Assessment will be through internally marked assignments and external examinations. The weightings for assessment are 58% external, 42% internal.

Students can achieve Pass, Merit or Distinction grading on each unit. The final grade is an aggregate of all the unit grades to give an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction\*.

## Approach to Teaching and Learning

- ◆ Individual research and study
- ◆ Group work
- ◆ Class discussion
- ◆ Case studies
- ◆ Individual Reviews with your tutor
- ◆ Visits to employers in the four sectors.  
Students are encouraged to take up  
volunteer posts
- ◆ Talks from visiting professionals
- ◆ Web – based research



## Future Prospects

Health and Social Care links well with other subjects at Level 3 such as Biology, Psychology, Law and Sport, and provides a pathway into a variety of higher education and degree courses.

The course will raise awareness amongst students of the range of rewarding career opportunities that exist across the health and social care sector.