



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Course Information

Students achieve the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care, which is the equivalent of one A Level.

Course Content

A wide range of units are studied which include Human Lifespan Development, Working in Health & Social Care, Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs, Nutritional Health and Supporting Individuals with Special Needs. Students will participate in visits to related professionals. The course enables students to develop both a broad understanding of health and social care principles as well as the possibility to focus on specific areas such as children and young people.

Assessment

The assessment process includes a range of methods including examinations, set tasks which provide students with work-based challenges in timed, realistic work conditions, and assignments which are set and marked by teachers and externally verified.

Teaching and Learning

Effective learning will need students to be involved in independent research as well as class discussions, role play, visits, observations, text exercises and presentations. Personal planning and time management skills are integrated within the teaching of the units. The delivery techniques of this course help prepare students with skills for university or the world of work.

Progression

This course provides students with foundational knowledge of a range of aspects linked to the field of Health & Social Care work. It is recognised by higher education establishments, especially for nursing, early years & child development, psychology, nutrition, care, social studies and health. The Health and Social Care Sector is one of the UK's largest employers, and therefore this course can be a stepping stone for a wide range of employment opportunities. The qualification complements other A Level subjects such as Biology, Sociology, Psychology and Food Science and Nutrition.

Entry Requirements

Desirable courses to have followed at Key Stage 4 include Child Development, Biology, Psychology or P.E.

Career Pathway

Some examples of jobs where a Health & Social Care degree may be useful: Health Promotion Specialist, Health Service Manager, Nutritional Therapist, Physiotherapist, Probation Officer, Social Worker, Mental Health Worker, Early Years Practitioner, Occupational Therapist and Nurse.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course, please contact Mrs Lesley James – Subject Leader.