

Health and Social Care

Awarding Body	Pearson BTEC	Specification Code	610/3964/0
Type of qualification	Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)		
Entry Requirements	Grade 5 in English Language, Mathematics, Biology		
Course Content	<p>A wide range of units are studied which include three mandatory units: Human Lifespan and Development, Human Biology & Health, Principles of Health and Social Care Practice. One optional unit is studied from Health, Policy and Wellbeing, Promoting Health Education, Safe Environments in Health & Social Care and Health Science. 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.</p>		
Assessment Method	<p>The course is equivalent in size to one A Level. 4 units are covered over the two years of which 3 are mandatory. 2 units are externally assessed, and 2 assignment units are internally assessed and externally verified.</p> <p>The assessment process includes a range of methods including examinations, set tasks which provide students with work-based challenges in timed, realistic work conditions.</p>		
Career Pathway	<p>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, English and Food Science and Nutrition.</p> <p>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.</p>		
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