

# Health & Social Care

## BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Equivalent to one A Level



### Overview

The Level 3 Extended Certificate is a general qualification that combines well with a wide range of other courses. Students will study in a positive, creative and friendly environment where they will be motivated and feel confident to express empathy and understanding with a diverse range of human needs. The content is varied and interesting, ranging from Communication and Childcare to Human Body Systems and Psychology. Learning methods include independently researched projects, talks from visiting speakers and work experience.

This is a two year course (equivalent to one A Level).

### What goes well with this course?

Health & Social Care goes well with many subjects, particularly:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- PE/Sport
- English
- Biology

### Progression

Health & Social Care students may decide to take up a place at university studying one of a number of degrees related to this subject. Popular courses include: Nursing, Midwifery, Speech and Language Therapy, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Teaching. A qualification in Health & Social Care will provide essential knowledge of the

industry and help prepare students for Higher Education or the world of work.

## Course Content

This course covers:

- Human Lifespan Development (assessed via external examination)
- Working in Health & Social Care (assessed via external examination)
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (set and marked externally)
- An optional unit

## Educational Experiences

### Course Specific Trips, Visits & Experiences

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of course related experiences. In the last couple of years, these have included:

- Exploring the health benefits of superfoods
- A visit to Canine Partners charity in Heyshott
- A visit to St. Piers School (for autism and epilepsy) in Lingfield
- A visit by a Radiographer from East Surrey Hospital who gave a talk on diagnostic testing
- The 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' presentation at the Dorking Halls, including a talk by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service on 'Safer Driving'
- Organising a Health Fair at College to help educate other students on issues of health and wellbeing

## Assessment

The course is assessed by coursework and externally assessed examinations.

The exam board for this BTEC Diploma is Pearson BTEC.

## Entry Requirements

All students need to have at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (and a satisfactory school reference) in order to be accepted on an A Level/BTEC Level 3 Programme.

In addition, students should meet the following minimum combination of GCSE grades:

- Grade 4 in a numerate subject such as Maths or Science, and
- Grade 4 in a literate subject such as English Language, English Literature or History

A Merit or above in BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care will also be considered.

Students on this course should be:

- Interested in the care industry
- Able to carry out independent research
- Able to meet coursework deadlines

Students should enjoy working with others, have good verbal and written communication skills and be computer literate. The ability to plan and organise their own learning is also important.