

Health and Social Care



Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

Course Description

Designed to provide you with a specialist work-related qualification, this course is perfectly suited to anyone interested in entering nursing or any of the other occupations available in Health and Social Care.

Students will study for the Subsidiary Diploma in the first year, which is a full time qualification consisting of six units. Successful completion of the Subsidiary Diploma allows entry to the second year, which enables an Extended Diploma to be completed. The Extended Diploma is the equivalent to 3 A Levels and is recognised by employers and universities.

At level 3, students will develop their work-related skills and knowledge, covering more advanced topics and issues. In addition to completing coursework, students are required to arrange and attend

Future Opportunities

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education. After successful completion of the course students will have the opportunity to go on to a variety of higher education courses and jobs. Students can take courses leading to professional qualification in primary teaching, nursing, occupational therapy, midwifery, speech therapy, social work, and youth and community work. If you decide to go to University or college you could take a degree or a BTEC Higher National Diploma in psychology, social policy, early year's studies and health studies.

What are the costs?

You may have to pay for certain texts and visits throughout the course. In addition you will need to pay for a CRB check, if you have not already had one.

What will I learn?

You will study 18 units over two years covering a range of topics which include effective communication in health and social care, personal and professional development in health and social care, human physiology and health psychology, lifespan development, public health, complimentary therapies, environmental health and a Health and Social Care project.

You will have a mixture of formal and less formal learning experiences, which will give you the opportunity to participate in a mixture of activities, discussions and presentations. Some time will be available for supported independent study to help you with coursework and your own research.

The Unit Personal and Professional Development involves completing a minimum of 100 hours of work experience. Work experience is an important part of the course and will give you a real insight into the various professions and the opportunity to practice your skills.

How will I be assessed?

100% Coursework

All units are assessed internally by staff and then moderated by the exam board (Edexcel). Your work will be graded pass, merit or distinction and at the end of the course these grades combine together to generate three overall grades, which carry UCAS points in line with those of A Level grades.

What are the entry requirements?

5 A*-C GCSE (to include English and Maths)

Successful completion of the BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care could be beneficial, but is not a requirement.

