



Subject area: **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE** (updated January 2019)

Course: Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care
Diploma in Health & Social Care
Certificate in Health & Social Care

Level: BTEC Level 3

Course Details - What will the course consist of and how will it be delivered?

All students will study BTEC National in Health and Social Care (NQF) Diploma, with the opportunity to achieve the Extended Diploma. We offer all awards giving you the opportunity to study for a triple (3 A' levels), double (2 A' Levels) or single award (1 A' Level). All our health and social care courses count towards UCAS points for university application.



Students will be studying:

- ✓ Students study care needs, work roles, growth and development, safe practice, public health and wellbeing.
- ✓ The needs of service users. Gaining an understanding of how factors such as, economics, psychological development and physical factors affect behaviour.
- ✓ Your studies will have practical activities within the local community to help you develop the skills required for further study application. This will also help you to understand the work roles and the skills required to work in the Health and Social Care sectors.
- ✓ The ability to understand stages of human development and the factors that may affect each of those stages.
- ✓ The legislation guiding health and social care practice, and how this protects individual rights to care in the UK.
- ✓ The anatomy and physiology of the body to gain an understanding of how this relates to specific treatments for disorders.

A variety of teaching and learning methods are used and students will continue to be set according to their academic targets and current attainment.

Person Specification—is this the right course for you?

You will need:

- Commitment, enthusiasm and an interest in working the health & social care sector
 - To be prepared to take part in the work experience programme
 - To be able to work independently and meet set targets on time as well as to be prepared to work with others on a variety of new tasks.
 - Have empathy and a willingness to care for others
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Further progression on completion of the course—what opportunities could this course lead towards in the future?

- Over 350 different jobs in health & social care from midwife to social worker
- A wide range of options for apprenticeships in a variety of businesses
- Entry to university (subject to grades)

Understanding what the course could offer you

This course is designed for any student who enjoys a practical approach to their learning whilst having a clear idea of their desire to work in the care sector. The qualification, particularly if a higher grade is achieved, is valuable to employers and is a strong starting point for young people in helping them to understand the world of work.

The Diploma is designed to be the substantive part of a 16–19 study programme for learners who want a strong core of sector study. This programme may include other BTEC Nationals or A Levels to support progression to higher education courses in nursing and social care before entering employment. The additional qualification(s) studied allow learners either to give breadth to their study programme by choosing a contrasting subject, or to give it more focus by choosing a complementary subject. This qualification can also be used to progress to Higher Apprenticeships or further study at university.

The Extended Diploma is a two year, full-time course that meets entry requirements in its own right for learners who want to progress to higher education courses in health and social care areas before entering employment. It can also support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in care and Higher Apprenticeships in the care sector or further study at university.

The Extended Certificate is for learners who are interested in learning about the care sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in care-related subjects. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes the BTEC Business and/or AQA Science qualifications.

The full specification for this programme is outlined in the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care (Pearson) 2016 Specification on the EDEXCEL website or a copy is available in Mrs Gascon's classroom.

Technical Data

<i>Qualification Level:</i>	Level 3	<i>'A' Level equivalence</i>	Extended Diploma – 3 Diploma - 2 Certificate - 1
<i>Awarding Body</i>	EDEXCEL BTEC	<i>% Written Exam</i>	Dependent on qualification size
<i>Lessons per week</i>	Extended Diploma - 12 Diploma - 8 Certificate - 4	<i>% Coursework</i>	Dependent on qualification size
<i>Full course specification</i>	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html		