

BTEC LEVEL 3 National Extended Certificate in HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (Equivalent to 1 A Level – Single Option)
BTEC LEVEL 3 National Diploma in HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (Equivalent to 2 A Levels – Double Option)
BTEC LEVEL 3 National Extended Diploma (Health Studies) in HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (Equivalent to 3 A Levels – Triple Option)

EXAMINING BOARD: Pearson

KEY FEATURES OF THE COURSE:

- Develops skills, knowledge and understanding in a vocationally-related learning.
- Practical approach to learning: Students have to undertake a number of units for which they present evidence, based on real-life work and studies. This allows them to demonstrate their skill and knowledge in practical situations
- Offers students the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding to prepare them for entry into employment in the health and social care sector.
- Early years, social care and health pathways.
- Provides provide a springboard to a university degree or Foundation Degree in an appropriate vocational discipline, to BTEC HNCs and HNDs, or to employment.
- Graded Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction*

L3 National Extended Certificate in HSC - 360 GLH (Equivalent to 1 A Level (Single Award))

Units Studied: (Year 12)

1. Human Lifespan Development (External Exam)

Learners cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing

2. Working in Health and Social Care (External Exam)

Learners explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.

Units studied (Year 13)

5. Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (Coursework Assessed)

Learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines

14. Physiological Disorders (Coursework Assessed)

Learners explore types of physiological disorders, the procedures for diagnosis and the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users.

All students attending National Extended Certificate lessons will claim this award at the end of year 13

L3 National Diploma in HSC - 720 GLH (Equivalent to 2 A Levels (Double Award))

Units studied in addition to the National Extended Certificate Award: (Year 12)

6. Work Experience in Health and Social Care (Coursework Assessed)

Learners explore the benefits of work experience. They carry out and reflect on a period of work experience and plan for personal and professional development. **This unit requires 100 hours of work experience and continues into Yr 13.**

7. Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care (Coursework Assessed)

Learners explore the importance of safe working practices, safeguarding procedures and responding to emergency situations in health and social care settings.

(Year 13)

4. Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care (Task set and marked externally)

Learners explore the methodologies of contemporary research and investigate the implications for health and social care practice and services.

8. Promoting Public Health (Coursework assessed)

Learners explore the aims of public health policy and the current approaches to promoting and protecting health and encouraging behaviour change in the population.

L3 National Extended Diploma in HSC (Health Studies) - 1080 GLH (Equivalent to 3 A Levels (Triple Award))

Units studied in addition to the National Diploma (Years 12 & 13)

3. Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (External Exam taken in January of Year 13))

9. Infection Prevention and Control (Coursework Assessed)

19. Nutritional Health. (Coursework Assessed)

25. Complementary Therapies for Health and Social Care (Coursework Assessed)

26. Health Psychology (Coursework Assessed)

There is a small amount of flexibility with these units of work depending on career path

The National Extended Diploma (Health Studies) requires a high level of commitment and independent learning

Credit Requirements

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