

# Health & Social Sciences Double Award

## (Equivalent to two A levels)

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### Key topics covered

The following subjects are studied as part of Level 3 Social Sciences Double Award:

#### **Btec AAQ Health & Social Care**

- Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development (exam)
- Unit 2 – Human Biology and Health (exam)
- Unit 3 – Principles of Health & Social Care Practice (coursework)
- Unit 5 – Promoting Health Education (coursework)

#### **Btec AAQ Early Childhood Development**

- Unit 1 – Children's Development (exam)
- Unit 2 – Keeping Children Safe (exam)
- Unit 3 – Play and Learning (coursework)
- Unit 4 – Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting (coursework)

### Recommended Textbook and/or resources

The following websites are extremely useful in supporting your progress in Social Sciences Double Award:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/hsc>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/ecd>

However, there will be no requirement to buy any resources for this course. We provide any textbooks; knowledge books or revision guides you may need.

### Why Study the Subject/what students Like about it

Health and Social Care and Early Childhood Development encompasses the study of different sectors and providers that offer care and support to help meet service user's individual needs. The subject includes a breadth of different focal points within the field, in order to facilitate students understanding of the different aspects of working within the health and social care and early year's sectors. This includes the exploration of contemporary research within the field, understanding the importance of safeguarding vulnerable service users, knowledge of a variety of strategies to promote public health and application of principles of psychology to understand development and learning.

### Opportunities outside the classroom

Students can engage in voluntary work experience placements. This includes participating as a member of an NHS Mental Health Services interview panel and an online Health and Social Care Academy. This gives students to opportunity to gain real life experience and skills from professionals and settings that they can apply to their own practice.

The Social Sciences Department provides a range of opportunities for students to visit, experience and listen to healthcare professionals of a range of roles.

The Social Sciences Department has strong links with UEA, as well as other organisations, who deliver sessions on their specialisms and offer students advice on their future career pathways. This includes nursing, midwifery, social work and early years practitioners within the local area.

### Future progression/career routes

Students who have studied Health and Social Care at Hellesdon Sixth Form have gone onto study and work in nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, school teaching, criminology, social work, mental health and many more NHS careers.

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