

# BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Single Award)

## What is BTEC Health and Social Care?

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care is an applied general qualification equivalent to one A Level. Learners taking this qualification will study three mandatory units:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs.

In addition, students will study the following unit:

- Physiological Disorders and their Care

## Why study BTEC Health and Social Care?

This qualification aims to provide an introduction to the sector. It is for learners who are interested in learning about health and social care as part of a balanced study programme.

## What makes a successful BTEC Health and Social Care student?

The ability to show independent learning and meet deadlines is essential.

## To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above are required. Students must show an interest in health and social care.

## What is the structure of the course?

Yr12	Yr13
<p><b>Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development</b> Learners cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.</p> <p>Written externally assessed exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 hours.</li> <li>• 90 marks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care</b> Learners explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.</p> <p>Written externally assessed exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 hours.</li> <li>• 80 marks.</li> </ul>
<b>25% of total marks</b>	<b>33% of total marks</b>
<p><b>Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs</b> Learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.</p> <p>Internally assessed assignments consisting of two written reports.</p>	<p><b>Unit 14: Physiological Disorders and their Care</b> Learners explore types of physiological disorders, the procedures for diagnosis, and the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users.</p> <p>Internally assessed unit consisting of a written report and a treatment plan</p>
<b>25% of total marks</b>	<b>17% of total marks</b>

## What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

You will take part in a number of visits to health and social care settings in order to improve your understanding of the sector.

## What kind of career does this qualification prepare me for?

The qualification supports access to a range of higher education courses possibly, but not exclusively, in health and social care, if taken alongside further Level 3 qualifications. For example, Nursing, Social Work or Primary Education.