

Health and Social Care (Single Award)

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Key topics covered

The following units are studied as part of Level 3 BTEC Health and Social Care Single Award (equivalent to 1 A-Level):

- Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development (exam)
- Unit 5 – Meeting Individual Needs (coursework)
- Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care (exam)
- Unit 14 – Physiological Disorders and their Care (coursework)

Recommended Textbook and/or resources

The following website is extremely useful in supporting your progress in Single Level 3 BTEC Health and Social Care:

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

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 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 this sector. This includes the promotion of equality and diversity, critical stages of development within a lifespan, the different professionals and their roles within their workplaces and the symptoms, causes and treatments for a range of physiological disorders.

"Studying Health and Social Care provided me with an extremely useful insight into the many professions within this field." (Former Y13 Student)

"Learning about the variety of service user needs within a range of settings and how to make sure they do not face discrimination based on these needs through anti-discriminatory practice, has provided me with fundamental knowledge for my degree and a future career as a social worker" (Former Y13 Student)

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.

In Y13, students are given the opportunity to visit the medicine section of the London Science Museum. Here, they explore the world's largest display dedicated to the story of medicine. This allows students to broaden their understanding of treatments for health disorders.

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 and social work 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, teaching, criminology, social work, mental health and many more NHS careers.

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