

BTEC First Diploma in Health & Social Care

Introduction: What is Health & Social Care?

The BTEC First Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care is a vocational qualification. The course is for those who wish to follow a career in the health or social care services. It provides initial knowledge for students who want to work in health and social care or to go on to a more advanced work-related qualification. The course will develop the skills, understanding, personal qualities and attitudes essential for success in working life. A BTEC First Diploma is equivalent to four GCSEs grades A*– C.

Examination Board

Edexcel

Course Content

This is a work-related course and students learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations and activities. The course is made up of eight units. Students will study four core units:

- ❑ Communication in Health and Social Care
- ❑ Individual Rights in Health and Social Care
- ❑ Individual Needs in Health and Social Care
- ❑ Ensuring Safe Environments in Health and Social care.

Students will also study four specialist units from the selection below. Each year specialist units are chosen depending on which are deemed most suitable for the cohort:

- ❑ Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- ❑ Human Lifespan Development
- ❑ Health and Social Care Services
- ❑ The Impact of Diet on Health
- ❑ Vocational Experience in a Health or Social Care Setting
- ❑ Cultural Diversity in Health and Social Care
- ❑ Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care

Methods of Assessment

All units are coursework based with no exams. All units will be individually graded as 'Pass', 'Merit' or 'Distinction'. Students will be awarded an overall grade on completion of the course.

Teaching Methods

BTEC Health & Social Care is taught using a variety of methods including group work, work experience, visits, workshops and personal research. The type of person who will enjoy this course will be someone who wants to work in a hands-on way through completion of individual projects. There is a lot of individual research to do and for anyone who is interested in the world of health or social care this will be a rewarding course to follow.

Opportunities

Following this course, you will be able to go into further training or study in careers such as nursing, social work and residential care management.

A BTEC First Diploma is good preparation for employment and also provides a good grounding to go on to Level 3 courses (equivalent to A' levels) and then higher education.

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