



BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care

Examination Board: EDEXCEL

Who should take this course?

Students who are interested in a career in the health and social care sector, or who want to develop a range of workplace skills. The course is recognised by employers and universities and so is suitable for students who want to continue to university or begin their career following completion of the Diploma. Work experience placements are a key part of the course. You do not need to have studied Health & Social Care at Level 2 to take up this course.

What is the course about?

The course explores the knowledge and skills needed by professionals in the health and social care sector. There are a number of compulsory units and then a small choice from a list of optional units. Typical units include:

- Human Lifespan development
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Physiological Disorders and their Care
- Nutritional Health

How is it assessed?

Via external assessment in the form of exams and controlled assessments; also by internally marked assignments which are evidenced by a range of methods, including presentations, role plays, reflective diary entries, leaflets. Your work experience placements make up a crucial part of your assignments. Assignments are graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction level:

- Distinction* grades are equivalent to 2 A Levels at grade A*
- Distinction grades is equivalent to 2 A Levels at grade A
- Merit grades are equivalent to 2 A Levels at grade B
- Pass grades are equivalent to 2 A Levels at grade E



Where will it take me?

You could start your career after successful completion of the course or continue to higher education to gain further qualifications. There are many career paths within the sector, some examples are:

- Social work
- Paramedical science
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Residential care home management
- Youth, care or support work



Students who take Health & Social Care can combine it with other BTEC courses or alongside AS/A Levels.

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