

Health & Social Care

Qualification: BTEC Tech Award Level 1/2
Equivalent to: 1 GCSE (9-1)



This qualification provides an opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sector and the application of care values. The course also provides an insight into human development and the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles. It also requires students to apply their knowledge to real life scenarios.

Course Content

The course is split into 3 Components:

Component 1 – Human Lifespan Development (30% of overall grade)

This component requires students to understand how we grow and develop throughout our lives.

Component 2 – Health and Social Care Services and Values (30% of overall grade)

This component requires students to learn about how the Health and Social Care sector works and the care values that lie at the core of it.

Component 3 – Health and Wellbeing (40% of overall grade)

This component requires students to assess and make recommendations to improve an individual's health and wellbeing.

Assessment

Components 1 and 2 are internally examined through a series of course work tasks. Component 3 is assessed by an externally assessed task.

Work is graded at Level 2 with a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*, or at a Level 1 with a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Who would enjoy and be successful on the course?

If you have an inquisitive mind and want to understand yourself and others you will enjoy this course. If you want to improve your health awareness and gain insight into the essential skills required to work in health and social care, this course could be ideal for you. However, this course is about more than just understanding feelings. There are many new key terms to understand and learn. Both the internal and external assessments require a good level of literacy and the ability to assess, evaluate and make justified decisions.

Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers

After taking this course you could continue on to the Sixth Form to study Health and Social Care and other related subjects. You will find what you have learnt useful if you go onto an apprenticeship or work. Health and Social Care related degrees are popular university options and the health sector is one of Britain's biggest employers. Around 3 million people work in health or social care and together they account for nearly one in ten of all paid jobs in the UK.