

Pearson BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care



Subject Overview

Health and Social Care promotes the understanding of many important issues faced within today's health and social care system. It is an academic subject that equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary for further study and work in the sector by looking into key areas such as legislation changes, barriers that people in society may face, major life changes and their effects on people's self-esteem.

If you want to make a positive difference in people's lives, then studying Health and Social Care is for you. To study Health & Social Care you need to be interested in working with people and want to develop a greater understanding about how Health & Social Care professionals, such as nurses or social workers support individuals when they might need help. This might be by understanding the support an elderly client with dementia might need. Skills such as...empathy, communication and problem-solving ...are transferable to a range of situations and indeed, everyday life studying health and social care will enable you to better understand institutions such as the National Health Service and Community Care.

You can study the 'single award' (Level 3 Extended Certificate) or the 'double award' (Level 3 Diploma).

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Unit No.	Unit Title	Assessment	Information
1	Human Lifespan Development	1.5 hour examination with a mix of short and long answer questions.	Learners cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.
2	Working in Health and Social Care	1.5 hour examination with a mix of short and long answer questions.	You will explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations
4	Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care (Double Award ONLY)	A task assessed under supervised conditions. Learners receive a choice of two articles to research six weeks prior to the assessment period. They have 18 hours research time and complete the assessment within 3 hours of supervised assessment time.	You will explore the methodologies of contemporary research and investigate the implications for health and social care practice and services.
5	Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs	Assignment	You will focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

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7	Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care (Double Award ONLY)	Assignment	You will explore the importance of safe working practices, safeguarding procedures and responding to emergency situations in health and social care settings.
8	Promoting Public Health (Double Award ONLY)	Assignment	You will explore the aims of public health policy and the current approaches to promoting and protecting health and encouraging behaviour change in the population.
10	Sociological Perspectives (Double Award ONLY)	Assignment	You will study the application of sociological approaches to health and social care, and explore social inequalities, demographic change, and patterns and trends in social group.
14	Physiological Disorders and their Care	Assignment	You will explore types of physiological disorders, the procedures for diagnosis, and the development of a treatment plan and provision of support for service users.

What opportunities this course could lead to:

It's all about helping people. Careers in healthcare are about helping people with a number of different problems in a number of different situations. Careers in social care are concerned with helping vulnerable people in the community and providing them with support so that they can benefit from a much more improved way of life.

The content of Health and Social Care has been designed to ensure it supports progression towards higher study. In addition, employers and professional bodies have been involved in order to confirm that the content is also appropriate for those interested in working in the sector.

Former students have progressed to university degrees in Nursing, Health and Social Care, Criminology, Psychology and Sociology. Apprenticeships in the social care sector are available.

Course requirements:

Entry requirements for the course are in line with the schools policy of all Level 3 courses, the course is mainly coursework and report writing so having a strong English grade will be beneficial.