

Sixth Form Subject Information

Health and Social



Qualification	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social care	
Exam Board	Pearson	
Course Leader	Mrs Clare White / Mrs Deborah Bird	
Course summary	<p>The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care aims to provide an introduction to the work of healthcare professionals in supporting service users with varying needs. This course comprises coursework and examined units to ensure students develop an applied understanding of the delivery of effective care. The course will be useful if you are intending to pursue a career in the public sector, social care or healthcare; for instance as a police officer, social worker or health visitors, practice nurse or occupational therapist. The course will also be invaluable if you wish to progress to higher education, to degrees in areas such as health and social care management, social work, youth work, midwifery or nursing.</p>	
Work experience	<p>Students taking Health and Social Care are strongly advised to organise some work experience in an appropriate setting so that they can supplement the theoretical work they do in school with practical experience.</p>	
What will students learn?	1st year content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: Human lifespan and development Health and social care practitioners need to develop a knowledge base for working with people in every stage of their lives, and they need to know how their own experiences relate to health and wellbeing. Although it is generally accepted that there may be deterioration in health with age following adulthood, medical intervention means people are living longer and have better life prospects. This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development. You will explore the key aspects of growth and development, and the experience of health and wellbeing. You will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health. ▪ Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs In this unit, you will learn about the values and principles of meeting care and support needs and look at some of the ethical issues that arise when personalising care. You will examine factors that can impact the professionals who provide the care and support, and the challenges that must be overcome to allow access to good quality care and health services. You will explore the different methods used by professionals across all care services. You will reflect on these methods when you consider the importance of multi-agency working in providing a package of care and support that meets all the needs of individuals. In this

		<p>unit you will draw on your learning from across your programme to complete assessment tasks.</p>
	<p>2nd year content</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care This unit will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. When working for an organisation in this sector, you will have important responsibilities that you need to understand and carry out. These include maintaining the safety of and safeguarding individuals with health and social care needs, making sure that you properly handle their personal information and preventing discrimination towards them. You will need to understand how you will be accountable both to these individuals and the regulatory bodies that represent people who work in the health and social care sector. It is necessary for you to understand how your work will be monitored when you carry out a specific role such as doctors, nurses or social workers. • Unit 14: In this unit, you will learn about the signs and symptoms of physiological disorders and how they are investigated and diagnosed. You will also learn about the different types of treatment and support available for individual service users, including surgery, rehabilitation and complementary therapies. You will create a treatment plan for a service user with a specific physiological disorder. This will help you understand the treatment and support strategies involved, the contributions of different professionals and the importance of providing individualised care. This unit will form a good basis for higher education study in health and social work courses and nursing qualifications. The information and activities will also help to prepare you for a variety of careers within the health and social care sector.
<p>How will students be assessed?</p>		<p>Unit 1: Human lifespan and development – External exam worth 25% of overall grade. Unit 14: Supporting individuals with additional needs – Coursework worth 16% of overall grade. Unit 2: Working in Health and social care – External exam worth 34% of overall grade. Unit 5: Meeting Individual care and support needs – Coursework worth 25% of overall grade. Assessment in class will take place throughout the year. For coursework assessed units this will usually comprise of working on coursework. For exam based units this will comprise exam questions completed in lessons / for prep and tests in line with the school CP dates.</p>
<p>Resources</p>		<p>Core textbook: Pearson BTEC Nationals Health and Social Care Student Book 1</p>