

# BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



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Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care  
Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English at GCSE Level / BTEC Level 2 Pass in H&S/Care if studied

## Course Description

This course explores the underlying features and aspects of the health and social care industry. You will gain the knowledge and understanding of how health and social care is provided in the UK and the variety of job roles that exist within this sector. You will also learn about the values, qualities and skills needed by care workers and how to prevent discriminatory practice within care professions. Specific units focus on human development, physiological disorders, nutrition and health and safety.

### Method(s) of Assessment

Students can study this as a 4-unit Extended Certificate an 8-unit Diploma course or a 13-unit Extended Diploma. The shorter course is broadly equivalent to an A level and the other two and 3 A levels respectively. All students will study a unit on human lifespan development which is assessed through an external written exam.

### Method(s) of Assessment Continued ...

Unit 5 requires students to explore how health and social care providers meet individual needs. This is internally assessed through a variety of case study scenarios and is marked by the teacher.

Students on the Diploma course will also study two extra units that focus on Public Health and Safe Practices. In the second year all students will study a unit which focuses on working in health and social care. This unit is externally assessed through a written exam. They will then learn about psychological perspectives and the treatments provided for those who suffer from specific behaviours.

Those following the Diploma course will also complete an independent research unit which is externally assessed and a final coursework unit on Nutrition.

The Extended Diploma requires a work experience placement which will be arranged through the school. Unit 3 Anatomy and Physiology is an exam unit plus 3 other course work units.

## Progression

This course is for students who wish to progress to university to follow a career path within a health and social care profession. It is **not** suitable for those who wish to follow a career in childcare and early years' services.



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