



BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Extended Certificate – 4 units (single)

Diploma – 8 units (double)

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i. The basics and expectations

Hopefully you have chosen Health and Social Care as you have an interest in a subject which affects your everyday lives.

The basics: We all use health and social care services throughout our lives. Are you a caring person? Do you want to follow a career where you help others?

This course is for people who want to follow a career in health and social care. It is not suitable for those who want to work with children. There are aspects of child development that we study but this is not a childcare course.

Are you aware of the different types of jobs in health and social care? Do you know about the organisations that provide these services and the responsibilities of those who work in this sector?

To 'care' for a person involves demonstrating variety of different things. It is important that those in our care are safe from any dangers or hazards. This will keep them safe from physical danger but a care provider also has responsibility for an individuals emotional safety. Do they feel secure in their environment? Do they trust the people around them?

The expectations

Health and social care is a subject that continues to change, it is a forward looking subject. It is a subject that requires writing in context. You cannot rely only on your text book. To be successful you will need to show:

1. *Awareness of health and social care in the real world via media news sources*
2. *An ability to conduct independent research*
3. *Show logical chains of argument. Don't jump steps, link them in your answers*

In January 2021 you will sit an exam. This will be for Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care. As part of this you need to have knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of specific jobs in health and social care.

| Jobs in Health Care | Jobs in Social Care |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Doctors | Social workers |
| Nurses | Occupational therapists |
| Midwives | Youth workers |
| Healthcare assistants | Care managers/assistants |
| | Support workers |

JOB ROLE - This relates to someone's position or function in a their job. What do they do?

JOB RESPONSIBILITY - being accountable or to blame for something

Example

Part of the role of a GP is to do physical examinations. It is their responsibility to make sure they treat the patient with dignity and respect.

There are a lot of television documentaries and dramas that focus on these jobs. It would really help you to watch these and identify the job role and responsibilities.

Television programmes and links – research task

1. Make me a Midwife - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY8jAYUZc38>
2. GP Behind Closed Doors. – Channel 5
3. Ambulance – BBC1 (a paramedic is part of the emergency services rather than health services)
4. Junior Doctors – Blood Sweat and Tears – BBC3
5. Hospital Series – Terror attack victims <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pjUNZSajuE>
6. Childrens Hospital - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYLG31fzfuY>
7. Care Assistant - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE1khfnuBvQ>
8. Youth Work - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nk3tB_yE9yY&t=22s

Over the Summer try and pick two of these. One in health care and one in social care. Write a summary that describes the job role and responsibilities.

ii. **Key Words in Vocational Assignments!**

Your final grade will be a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Understanding the command words for different levels is vitally important for success. Below are sample words that may be used in assignments for the different levels. Fill in the definition of these words on the right-hand side on the table for Pass, Merit and Distinction.

Key Words for a Pass

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Complete | |
| Demonstrate | |
| Describe | |
| Identify | |
| List | |
| Name | |
| Outline | |
| State | |

Key Words for a Merit

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Analyse | |
| Comment on | |
| Compare & Contrast | |
| Describe | |
| Explain | |
| Justify | |
| Assess | |
| Discuss | |

Key Words for a Distinction

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Analyse | |
| Evaluate | |
| Justify | |
| Recommend | |
| Draw conclusions | |

iii. The organisations you really should know!

1. National Health Service (NHS)
2. Department of Health (DH)
3. National Institute for Care Excellence (NICE)
4. Health and Safety Executive (HSE)
5. Care Quality Commission (CQC)
6. Public Health England
7. OFSTED
8. Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
9. General Medical Council (GMC)

Current Affairs

As part of your personal development it is important for you to be aware of current news events and stories both nationally and in your local area. In particular those that involve health and social care services such as:-

- National Health Services – hospitals, doctors, dentists etc.
- Social Care Services – child protection, adult services, care for the elderly

Create a **Scrapbook** of news articles and stories that relate to health and social care services.

- Be creative
- Cut and paste into a meaningful format
- Annotate and label the articles with – Source of Information and date

iv. The writing styles

The style of writing at Level 3 is a development of the writing style needed at GCSE. The main requirements across the exam boards are:

- 1) Knowledge (know your definitions)
- 2) Application (this is a big one for context of the case studies and extracts)
- 3) Analysis (show logical thinking and arguments. Consider why you raised the point)
- 4) Evaluation (bringing it all together, forming a judgement and answering the question)

The Summer Project

- 1) Complete the television programme research task.
- 2) Complete the key terms table.
- 3) Write a description of the 9 organisations listed on page 5.
 - a. Who they are and what they do
- 4) Create a scrapbook of newspaper or online articles about health and social care issues. Include the bullet point under the heading Current Affairs.

Come back to school prepared. You need a Level Arch file and dividers.

Exam Boards

EdExcel: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/business-2015.html>

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