BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (AAQ)

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This course is available to study alongside two other A levels as a single option.

Subject specific entry requirements*:

5 GCSE'S of 5 and above including;

- Grade 5 or above GCSE Mathematics
- Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language
- Grade 5 or above in GCSE Science

*Students who do not meet these entry requirements will be considered on the strength of their other subjects, including Health and Social Care GCSE, BTEC or Cambridge National.

What skills are required of students?

- The ability to follow instructions and to meet deadlines
- The ability to study independently and seek support if unsure
- The ability to organise your time and work effectively in and out of the classroom
- The ability to research information and reference sources
- The ability analyse data and reach conclusions
- The maturity to deal with both challenging and sensitive topic
- The understanding that if you miss lessons it is your responsibility to catch up
- To actively participate in class discussions and practical work
- To be polite and well-mannered when interacting with care practitioners and service users.

Course Details

Mandatory units – students complete all units

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
1	Human Lifespan and Development	90	**Mandatory**	External
2	Human Biology and Health	90	**Mandatory**	External
3	Principles of Health and Social Care Practice	90	**Mandatory**	Internal

Optional units – students complete one unit

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
4	Health, Policy and Wellbeing	90	**Optional**	Internal
5	Promoting Health Education	90	**Optional**	Internal
6	Safe Environments in Health and Social Care	90	**Optional**	Internal
7	Health Science	90	**Optional**	Internal

The BTEC in Health and Social Care has been developed to meet the changing needs of the sector and prepare students for the challenges they will face in Higher Education or employment. It has been designed in collaboration with experts spanning the breadth of the sector, the BTEC in Health and Social Care focuses on the skills, knowledge and understanding that today's universities and employers demand.

Students will practically apply their skills and knowledge in preparation for further study or the workplace. Students will develop professional and personal skills through interaction with people who either work in the sector or require care or support, as well as theoretical knowledge and understanding to underpin their skills. This will allow them to offer specific, person-centred care and support and build positive relationships with the people they are working with, so that their needs and requirements are met whilst they maintain control of their own care and support.

Students will consider the real impacts to people living with conditions or illnesses such as the social, financial and psychological impacts, not just the signs, symptoms and treatment of faceless conditions or illnesses. Students will also learn about the legislation and guidance supporting Health and Social Care, so that they can ensure the people they are working with are not only able to access all the care and support they are entitled to, but are also able to protect themselves from any harm or abuse whilst at work.

The BTEC National AAQ provides a strong base for progression to university, apprenticeships or work and are recognised for UCAS tariff points*****

What kinds of work will you do in class and at home?

Keeping class notes.
Working independently.
Revising key topics.
Writing extended answers.
Preparing challenging discussions.
Following instructions to design a practical research project.
Interacting with care providers.

What other A-levels does your subject connect well with?

The following subjects would be suitable to combine with this qualification:

- Psychology
- Biology
- English

What types of university course will be helped by this qualification?

The qualification is recognised by universities as contributing to the admission requirements for a range of applied Health and Social Care courses including: Occupational Health, Social Work, Education, and Early years, Nursing, Midwifery, Child Psychology, Forensic and Criminal Psychology. Students should, however, always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at their chosen higher education provider.