

Health and Social Care

Level 2 BTEC

Double Pearson

Health and Social Care is an exciting and interesting subject providing insight into an industry where more than £197.4 billion of Government money is spent on the industry within the UK and over 1.5 million people are employed within the UK NHS. Studying Health and Social Care at Level 2 provides you with an opportunity to explore this specialist area, whilst also enabling you to develop transferable academic skills in: research, analysis and academic discussion through writing. Furthermore, it also allows you to develop practical interpersonal skills such as those required for individuals working within the industry.

Course Structure

You start the course with units that hone in on developing your practical and theoretical knowledge on the values and skills used in health and social care before learning about the basic biological functions and malfunctions of humans. Alongside this you will learn about practical methods to help maintain a healthy life through studying healthy life habits and creative and therapeutic activities that help support healthy living.

Skills & Knowledge

You will develop excellent research and analytical skills which you will continue to build on at level 3. You will develop knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of health and social care.

- The responsibility for delivering this course is divided between two to four teachers.
- Classwork will take a variety of forms and a range of learning activities will be used.
- You will work individually and as a member of a group.
- You will learn how to prepare and give presentations, read and extract information from texts and write reports.
- You will acquire —practical caring skills under strict supervision with specific guidelines.

Assessment

The course is a 240 guided-learning-hour qualification (equivalent in teaching time to two GCSEs). It has core units and optional units, 25 per cent of the qualification is externally assessed. Pearson (the awarding body) sets and marks these assessments. This course is made up of six units in total. Of the six, two are exam units, which are externally assessed and four are coursework units, of which two are externally moderated and four are internally assessed and moderated.

The course is graded from Level 2 PP to Level 2 D*D*. Learners who do not achieve at Level 2 may achieve a grade of Level 1 Pass. Learners whose level of achievement is below Level 1 will receive an Unclassified (U) result.

Opportunities & Enrichment

Every year, we have industry workers come in and conduct workshops and seminars. Previously we have had nurses, paramedics, radiographers, social workers and fire services come in and conduct various practical sessions. We plan trips to settings such as Body Worlds, the Science Museum and the Foundling Museum.

Future Careers & Pathways

HSC Level 2 can be complemented by GCSE subjects such as maths and English. Success on this course allows you to proceed to A Level 3 course and enter a range of pathways. Most popular pathways are:

- CTEC Level 3 Health and social care + Applied Science
- CTEC Level 3 Health and social care + Sociology A Level
- CTEC Level 3 Health and social care + Criminology A Level
- CTEC Level 3 Health and social care + A-level in Language studies (Spanish/French/Arabic)
- CTEC Level 3 Health and social care + English Literature A Level