

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

### **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care**

BTECs are a learner-centred approach to the curriculum, with a flexible, unit-based structure which will allow you to apply your knowledge in project-based assessments. This course will provide you with a great opportunity to focus on the development of the practical, interpersonal and thinking skills required to be able to succeed in employment and higher education.

Your studies will include many different disciplines to help you understand people and their needs. It combines biology, sociology, psychology, nutrition and ethics.

The number of units will depend on the size of the qualification you elect to study, but all qualifications will include Human Lifespan Development, Working in Health and Social Care and Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs.

### **Why take this course?**

If you have an interest in any of the following career paths, then this course is suitable for you: -

- Nursing
- Primary Education
- Social Work
- Health and social care related degrees

### **What's great about this course?**

- Chance to practice employability skills.
- Chance for deep learning, making connections among units and select areas of interest for detailed study.
- Chance to study in a vocational context where you can develop knowledge and skills required for particular degree course.
- Chance to apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations whilst undertaking work experience and tasks in the care suite.

## ASSESSMENT

This course is delivered using a mixture of theoretical tasks and activities. It is mainly classroom based. Units will be assessed by a mixture of external exam and coursework.

### **HOURS OF STUDY (FORTNIGHTLY)**

9 hours of lesson time  
6 hours independent learning

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

BTEC Level 3 qualifications are well-respected and suitable for entry to further study and a wide range of Health and Social Care careers.

With a BTEC Level 3 qualification in Health & Social Care students could go on to Further Education or employment within the industry.

This might include careers such as Physiotherapy, Health advisor, Nursery Nurse, Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Care Worker, Language Therapist, Counsellor, Teacher, Social Worker and Health Care Support Assistant amongst many other possibilities.



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs, or equivalent, grade 4 or above are required for entry into Sixth Form to study Level 3 BTEC courses.

Grade 4 or above is required in GCSE English Language.

Grade 4 or above is required in GCSE combined or single Sciences.