

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

## (BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award)

### What is the health and social care sector?

About 3 million people in the UK work in health and social care. In healthcare, this includes jobs such as doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants and administrators, while social care roles include care assistants, social workers, occupational therapists and counsellors. Demand for both health and social care is likely to continue to rise, so it is sure to continue to play a key role in UK society, and the demand for people to fill these vital jobs will increase.

### What do I need to know or be able to do before taking Health and Social Care?

It is important that you have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in Health & Social Care, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

### If I take this course I will:

- develop an understanding of health and social care
- have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way
- follow a programme of study that enables progression to both further education and employment in health and social care settings
- develop Key Skills that are highly valued by employers and further education providers
- gain confidence by developing independent learning skills

### This course will appeal to students who:

- enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives and experiences
- want the opportunity to carry out practical work
- enjoy finding out their own answers to questions, not just being told
- want to study a course that is active and enjoyable
- want to move on to a related career or further training in health and social care

### What will I learn?

This course gives you the opportunity to study how people grow and develop over the course of their lives, from infancy to old age, and the factors that may affect this, such as major life changing events like marriage or parenthood. You will learn how people adapt to these changes as well as the types of support available to help them.

You will also learn about the different health and social care services, and about 'care values' and their importance in making sure that the people who use these services get the care they need. You will be able to demonstrate these care values practically. You will develop skills in interpreting data about someone's state of health in order to design a plan that will allow them to improve their health and wellbeing.

This new qualification is the same size and level as a GCSE, and is aimed at everyone who wants to find out more about health and social care. This course will give you the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and techniques, and to review your own performance in demonstrating 'care values'.

## CASE STUDY

*Fiona, Year 11*

*I chose to study Health and Social Care for GCSE because the subject seemed very interesting and I thought I may help in a career in education.*

*My favourite part of this course has been learning about the 6 life stages and what people go through in the each stage.*

*I have also enjoyed learning about the types of factors which affects people's growth and development.*

*In the future, I plan to go into a career of education and I think this subject will help me because I will understand more about how and how people are feeling in the different stages of their lives.*

*My advice for Year 9 students is to stay organized with homework by doing it on the day that it is set.*



## CASE STUDY

Sofia, Year 11

*I chose to study this course because it will help me to become a nurse.*

*I have really enjoyed learning about the different life stages and what changes people go through. I have also enjoyed the topic on life events and how these affect you.*

*In studying this course I now know about PIES and how it links to people's development. I know how health and wellbeing impacts a case study and how to implement a plan to encourage them to live a healthy active lifestyle.*

*GCSE Health and Social Care will help to get into college or sixth form or the health and social care sector.*

*I would advise Year 9 students taking this course to ensure they get the assignments done quickly and put the work in at home.*



### How will I be assessed?

You will carry out tasks during the course. Your teacher will mark these, which will give you an idea of how you are getting on. Towards the end of the course you will do one exam, where you use the knowledge, skills and techniques you have learned to design a health improvement plan. All the work you do throughout the course prepares you for this exam, which is sent away to be marked.

### The course comprises three components.

#### Component 1, Human Lifespan Development

Learners will investigate how people grow and develop throughout their lives, how that development is affected by different factors and that people deal differently with life events.

Internal assessment worth 30%

#### Component 2, Health and Social Care Services and Values

Learners study and practically explore health and social care services and how they meet the needs of real service users. They also develop skills their Skills and attributes in HSC, values in HSC and obstacles and benefits

Internal assessment worth 30%

#### Component 3, Health and Wellbeing

Learners will study the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learning about physiological and lifestyle indicators and how to design a health and wellbeing improvement plan.

Synoptic External assessment worth 40%

Component 1 and 2 are assessed by 4 different tasks set by Pearson. You have 6 hours to complete the task in supervised conditions.

### Can I develop my full range of skills by doing this course?

As well as covering Health and Social Care, you will also develop Key Skills in the following areas:

- Communication
- Problem solving
- Application of number
- Working with others
- Information Technology
- Improving your own learning and performance

### What can I do after I've completed the course?

Students gaining a BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care will have access to a range of career and further education opportunities. You learn and use a variety of skills throughout the course, including collecting, analysing and interpreting data, communicating your findings in different ways, and identifying and developing the links between different parts of the subject. These skills are in great demand and are recognised and highly valued by employers and colleges.



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