



# BTEC Diploma Health and Social Care

## Is this course for me?

This course will appeal to those students who:

- Enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives and experiences
- Want an opportunity to carry out practical work as well as class work
- Want to find out more about the subject through personal investigation
- Are interested in the caring organisations and the clients they serve
- Want to move on to a related career or higher education course.

## Course Overview

This qualification is the equivalent to two A-Levels and is assessed through coursework, exams and controlled assessment. You will study the four core units some of which are outlined below, though some of these may vary from year to year plus four optional units. You need to be aware that you have to study the subject over two years.

## Units of Study

### Human Lifespan Development

This unit will help learners to discover the influences, factors and life events that shape people into the individuals they are. Learners will realise that while we all share a common biological pattern of development, our actual life course may differ considerably from what is expected.

### Working in Health and Social Care

This unit enables learners to explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. They will also learn about the organisations themselves and the different settings in which services are delivered depending on the needs of the service user. This unit will also enable learners to understand how specific work roles such as a nurse or a social worker are monitored.

### Enquiries into current research in health and social care

This unit enables learners to explore methodologies of contemporary research and investigate the implications for the ways that health and social care services are provided and the practices which are in place in the health and social care sectors.

### Work experience in health and social care

Students will complete 100 hours of work experience to allow them to gain hands on experience in various health settings. Students will draw up a personal plan for self-assessment over the duration of their programme as appropriate for their personal abilities and aspirations. All students will complete a work experience log and receive feedback.

## Entry Requirements

The most important things you need in order to take Health & Social Care is a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in the caring professions, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. You must also enjoy coursework and be well organised. If you have studied BTEC First Certificate in Health and Social Care you must have achieved a merit to study this course further, as well as a level 4 in English.

## What will this course prepare me for?

A qualification in this subject would help in pursuing a career in the following areas:

Nursing, Midwifery, Social work, Health care and Health Promotion, Community work and Residential care  
It is also possible to pursue a related subject in Higher Education.