



# BTEC Extended 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 3 A-Levels and is assessed through coursework, exams and controlled assessments. You will study the eight core units some of which are outlined below, though some of these may vary from year to year plus five optional units. You need to be aware that you have to study the subject over two years.

## Units of Study

### Unit 1 - Equality, Diversity, and Rights

This unit investigates how equality, diversity and rights are central to the effective operation of health and social care services. It explores discriminatory practice and its potential effects on patients/service users.

### Unit 2 - Development through the Life Stages

Students will learn about the needs of individuals at different stages of life, including their potential care needs. Students will be encouraged to use real life experiences from themselves or patients/service users from their work experience to gain understanding of how care needs may differ for individuals.

### Unit 3 - Health, Safety & Security

This unit allows students to actively take part in carrying out a local survey of a local environment used by a group of patients/service users. They will then examine the potential hazards and security issues which may occur and devise strategies to share with health care settings on how to minimise these risks.

### Unit 4 - Personal and Professional Development

Students will complete a minimum of 50 hours work experience to allow them to gain hands on experience in various health and social care settings. Students will draw up a personal plan for self-development over the duration of their programme as appropriate for their personal abilities and aspirations.

### Unit 5 - Public Health

This unit aims to develop understanding of the role of public health systems, their origin and development, and the range of key groups in influencing public health policy. Learners will also identify current patterns of ill health and consider factors affecting health in the United Kingdom.

## 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.

## 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.