

Health and Social Care

(Option Subject - GCSE)

What will I learn about?

Health and Social Care has been developed to provide an engaging introduction to the sector for learners aged 14 years and above.

The Health and Social course will give students the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of the health and social care sector. Students will receive a more focused understanding of health and social care through the selection of optional specialist units. Students will have the opportunity to develop a range of personal skills and techniques, through the selection of units that are essential for successful performance in working life.

All learners will have the opportunity to experience the vocational elements of the programme, and develop practical skills, such as demonstrating health and social care values that will help prepare learners for the world of work.

How is the course structured?

The course will have a range of core units and optional units to complete. Students will complete 3 units, Human Lifespan Development, Health and Social Care values and Effective communication in Health and Social Care. This course will then be supported by work placements, master classes and employer projects.

How will my work be assessed?

There are two main ways that students' work is assessed:

Internally – Evidence for assessment may be generated through a range of diverse activities, including assignment and project work, case studies, workplace assessment and presentations

Externally – The first core unit of this qualification is externally assessed and provides learners with a solid foundation in human lifespan development.

Learners will also gain an appreciation of the importance of health and social care values in the sector from the second core unit.

What can this qualification lead to?

The skills learnt in studying a BTEC Health and Social will aid progression to further study and prepare learners to enter the workplace in due course. In the health and social care sector, typical employment opportunities may be as an apprentice or in a supervised entry role, depending on specific job requirements and age restrictions.

This qualification provides learners with a taste of what the health and social care sector is like, enabling them to make informed choices about their future career.