Health & Social Care BTEC

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

Where do I start?

You must meet the minimum entry requirements for Wootton Park VI. You do not need to have studied Health and Social Care at GCSE. Where BTEC Health and Social Care has been studied, at least a Level 2 needs to have been achieved.

Health and Social Care – about the subject:

The content of this qualification has been designed to ensure it supports progression towards careers across the whole Health and Social Care industry as well as higher study at University. The course has been planned in close connection with potential employers and professional bodies to ensure that learners develop the vocational skills required for this vast and growing industry. The Health and Social Care industry is one of the fastest growing industries in modern society and has a wide range of employment opportunities.

You can choose to take this course as a single option (Extended Certificate) or double option (National Diploma).

What type of learner chooses Health and Social Care?

Health and Social Care is one of the largest employment sectors in the UK and opportunities are buoyant. You should choose the course if you are interested in exploring these areas as potential career options or you just have an interest in health and social care and want to combine it with other subjects for a broad and balanced curriculum in the sixth form.

What aspects of the subject will I be studying?

There are 3 mandatory units and 1 optional unit that will be decided at the start of the course.

Mandatory Units:

- Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development - externally assessed
- Unit 2: Working in Health & Social Care - externally assessed
- Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs - Internally assessed

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What are the career/higher education prospects?

One of the units, 'Working in Health and Social Care' will explore the sector as a whole and give you a good understanding of what it might be like to work in it. You will gain an understanding of a range of career options within the sector. Some examples include:

Social worker, Paramedical science, Nursing and Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Play Therapist, Residential Care Worker, Youth, care or support work, Art Therapist, Teaching, SEN Teaching, Mental Health Nursing.

The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses, for example:

• BSc (Hons) in Nursing; Social Work; Physiotherapy; Occupational Therapy; Speech Therapy; Health and Social Care.

How is the course assessed?

You will apply learning through practical assessments alongside exams. BTEC Nationals use a combination of assessment styles. You will complete coursework and an exam in Lower Sixth for Unit 1 and Unit 5. You will then complete coursework and an exam in Upper Sixth for Unit 2 and the optional topic.