



Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 Curriculum



BTEC *Health & Social Care*

Course Title:

BTEC Health & Social Care

Entry Requirements:

Standard entry criteria.

Examination Board

Pearson / Edexcel

Assessment:

Health and Social Care is assessed by both internal assessment (50%) and external assessment (50%). Students study two units in year one, and two units in year 2. Each year the first unit is an exam in January, followed by an internally assessed coursework unit.

Is this course right for me?

Firstly, you need to be a highly organised individual. The nature of the course requires that you are able to work independently, organise your time appropriately to meet deadlines, and be able to research and synthesise information from a number of sources. You will need to be highly committed to study in order to achieve at the highest level in this course.

Unit Contents:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (exam)

This unit aims to develop knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development through the different life stages. The unit covers physical, intellectual, emotional and social development, also looking at factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care (exam)

This unit gives students an understanding of what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, and some of the key roles and responsibilities such as safety, safeguarding and preventing discrimination. Students will learn about how services are provided and potential barriers that may prevent people from getting the services they need.

Unit 5: Meeting individual care and support needs

This unit focuses on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting an individual's care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines. The unit examines factors which affect care and support and the challenges to be overcome in order to meet the needs of all individuals.

Unit 14: Psychological Disorders and their Care

In this unit, you will investigate the causes and effects of physiological disorders, and examine the investigation and diagnosis of physiological disorders. You will examine treatment and support for service users with physiological disorders, and develop a treatment plan to meet their needs.



Progression:

Health and Social Care can be the first step into a career as a healthcare practitioner in areas such as mental health or adult nursing, midwifery, paediatric nursing, health visitor, or as a healthcare assistant. It is also a valuable course for anyone who wishes to pursue a career as a paramedic, or as a childcare practitioner. Health and Social Care is especially useful in fields that are 'people-oriented' – such as counselling, youth worker, family support worker, welfare adviser, policing, teaching... the list goes on!

Examples of university courses and grades required:

- University of Birmingham: BA (Hons) Social Work: ABB.
- University of Chester: BA (Hons) Health and Social Care: BBB-BBC.
- Anglia Ruskin University: Bsc (Hons) Child Nursing: BBC.
- University of Brighton: Bsc (Hons) Midwifery: BBB.



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