



BTEC National in Health & Social Care

Exam Board: Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification

Entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English Language/Literature and Maths

Intent

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) allows students to engage in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector. It is intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

Implementation

There are two mandatory examined units and one mandatory internally assessed unit. Students will select a further optional unit from the four available. The internally assessed units give students the opportunity to engage in applied knowledge and understanding tasks to develop their health and social care knowledge. Internally assessed units are assessed by a Pearson Set Assignment Brief (PSAB), which is set by Pearson, marked by class teachers and subject to external standards verification.

Mandatory units – students complete all units

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
1	Human Lifespan and Development	90	Mandatory	External
2	Human Biology and Health	90	Mandatory	External
3	Principles of Health and Social Care Practice	90	Mandatory	Internal

Optional units – students complete one unit

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
4	Health, Policy and Wellbeing	90	Optional	Internal
5	Promoting Health Education	90	Optional	Internal
6	Safe Environments in Health and Social Care	90	Optional	Internal
7	Health Science	90	Optional	Internal

Unit 1: Human Lifespan and Development - examine physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, the interaction between biological and social factors in health and well-being and how health care professionals provide effective care.

Unit 2: Human Biology and health - explore the organisation, structure and normal physiological functioning of the human body, and the effect on health of common disorders of the body systems.

Unit 3: Principles of Health and Social Care Practice - focus on the principles that underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals, which are the foundation of all services within health and social care.

Unit 4: Health, Policy and Wellbeing - explores the links between the origins of public health policy and current frameworks. Students will consider factors that may contribute to overall public health and corresponding practice in local health and social care settings, and the impact of social policy on the improvement of public health.

Unit 5: Promoting Health Education - explore the purpose of health education, models and approaches to educating the public and encouraging behaviour change in the population.

Unit 6: Safe environments in Health and Social Care - explore the importance of safe working practices, professional responsibilities and record keeping in maintaining safe environments and quality care in line with national standards in health and social care settings.

Unit 7: Health Science - key microbiological concepts relevant to the field of health science and the role of microbiology in the diagnosis and spread of disease on a local, national and international scale.

Assessment Methods

This course has 2 units that are externally assessed and 5 units that are internally assessed.

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Onward Progression

This qualification can lead to progression to the following degrees:

- ◆ BSc Nursing
- ◆ BSc Social Work
- ◆ BSc Subjects Allied to Health

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