

Clarendon Academy Sixth Form: Subject Essentials

BTEC Health and Social Care

Exam Board: Edexcel

Specification: Health and Social Care



The BTEC Level 3 National Health and Social Care aims to provide a broad educational base for further training, further education and employment within the Health and Social Care sector. The qualifications will develop learners' abilities through the knowledge and skills gained in different parts of the programme.

The vocational context of the qualification is key to effective delivery and this can be provided through assignment briefs that provide learners with realistic, work-based scenarios and projects.

This course introduces students to key concepts and a body of knowledge that will provide them with an invaluable perspective of issues in health and social care

How am I examined in this subject?

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (equivalent to 2 A Levels)

There are 6 mandatory units and 2 optional units.

Unit 1. Human Lifespan Development – written exam

Unit 2. Working in Health and Social Care – written exam

Unit 4. Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care – set and marked externally

Unit 5. Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs – internally set assignment

Unit 7. Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care – internally set assignment

Unit 8. Promoting Public Health – internally set assignment

OPTIONAL WORK PLACEMENT OF AT LEAST 100 HOURS

Two optional unit (TBC) – internally set assignment

What do I have to achieve at GCSE to study this subject?

You should have a general interest in health and social care issues, a BTEC in Health and Social Care at Level 2 would be beneficial but not essential.

How could this subject support my future education or career?

BTEC Health and Social Care is a widely recognised qualification enabling access to a variety of courses in higher education. Potential careers: Occupational Therapist; Health Care Assistant; Midwife; Clinical Support Worker; Counsellor; Social Worker and Nurse. Students can also seek employment in early years or the care sectors.

How do we support students who are finding this subject difficult?

- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who are struggling with specific topic or skills in our subject.
- We provide exam packs and scaffolded answers to help pupils structure their coursework.
- We provide detailed and helpful feedback on the work that students submit and give them the opportunity to improve their work at regular opportunities.

We direct students to a range of online resources that are designed to support them with independent study and reviewing their notes from class.

Who can I contact if I want to find out more?

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