

Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care

Course Details

The Extended Certificate is for students who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in health and social care-related subjects.



There are three mandatory units.

Unit 1 – Human Lifespan Development

Learners cover 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

Learners explore the organization, 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

Learners 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.

There is one optional unit

A further unit will be chosen at the discretion of the teacher to see what best suits.

Could be any one of the following:

Unit 4 *Health, Policy and Wellbeing*

Unit 5 *Promoting Health Education*

Unit 6 *Safe Environments in Health and Social Care*

Unit 7 *Health Science*

Assessment

This course is 360 Guided Learning Hours

This is the equivalent in size to one A Level. There are 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external.

Mandatory content (83%).

External assessment (58%).

Two of the three mandatory units are assessed by examination.

Unit	Type	Availability
Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development	Written exam set and marked by Pearson 80 marks	Jan and May/June First assessment May/June 2026
Unit 2: Human Biology and Health	Written exam set and marked by Pearson 80 marks	Jan and May/June First assessment May/June 2026

The other two units are assessed internally by:
Extended report writing



Background Requirements and Suitability

- You will need to have an interest in working in the health industry
- You need to be aware that during the course you will do two pieces of written coursework.
- You will need to be motivated to cope with the workload.



Skills Required

It is not essential for you to have done BTEC Health and Social Care Level 2 however you will find it easier if you have.

You need to have good written and ICT skills

Prospects

Any career in the Health and Social Care Industry.

Possible careers with further education:

Adult nurse.

Counsellor.

Occupational therapist.

Physician associate.

Primary care graduate mental health worker.

Social worker.

Youth worker.

For More Information

Students interested in BTEC National Health and Social Care should contact:

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Syllabus

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Exam Board

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Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam boards' website.

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