
SIXTH FORM ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Level 3

Health & Social Care



What does health & social care mean?

- In the UK, Health and Social Care (often abbreviated to HSC or H&SC) is a term that relates to services that are available from health and social care providers. This is a generic term used to refer to the whole of the healthcare provision infrastructure, public and private sector.



Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care

BTEC Health and Social Care Students..

- have practical experience from real world assignment
- take responsibility for their own learning
- develop interpersonal and practical thinking skills
- have a strong core base of knowledge
- have a real experience of effective teamwork
- know how to work to a brief with set deadlines
- efficiently manage time to complete tasks and processes



COURSE CONTENT

- The core units of study include:
 - ❑ Human lifespan Development
 - ❑ Working in Health & Social Care
- Option units-
 - ❑ Meeting individual needs.
 - ❑ Physiological Disorders

Assessment

- There are 2 external exams which are set by BTEC for 2 of the core units. All the remaining units of study are assessed through internal set assignments.
- In order to complete the course you must pass all pass criteria.

WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS COURSE?

- If you enjoy working with people/ have an interest in science/ health/education then this might be the course for you. (girls and boys)
- It is a level 3 qualification- equivalent to 1 A' Levels and draws UCAS points
- It is a vocational qualification which means you use your knowledge and skills learnt in school and transfer them for use within the workplace.



MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- The entry requirements for the level 3 health & social care are:-
- 5 GCSE's grade 4/5 or above including English and Maths (you may be able to re-sit Maths if you got below a 4/5' grade.)

A clean DBS check

- Since 2002 the criminal records Bureau (now DBS) has enabled employers to check the criminal records of employers in order to ascertain whether or not they are suitable to work with vulnerable adults and children.
- For most health care professions, for volunteers and employees these DBS checks must be clean.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

- Nursing (you will also need a science A'level)
- Teaching (you must have GCSE's in English, Maths and Science)
- Physiotherapy
- Paramedic (you must have a clean driving licence)
- Dietician (with additional science qualifications)
- Health Care Assistant
- Care Assistant
- Dental Nurse
- NB- if you want to work exclusively with children- you need to study a childcare course

The 6 C's

- Caring
- Communication
- Competent
- Courage
- Commitment
- Compassion

Skills in Action

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkf-WxMZVP8>
- Watch the following clip and describe how the 6 C's are being portrayed or could be portrayed.
- Write 500 word essay to hand in on enrolment day.

Recommended Texts

- BTEC Nationals Health and Social Care Student Book 1
- Publisher: Pearson
- Author: Marilyn Billingham, Pamela Davenport, Hilary Talman, Nicola Matthews, Beryl Stretch, Elizabeth Haworth
- ISBN: 9781292126012

