

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Extended National Diploma in [specialising in Health Studies]

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Health and Social Care	BTEC Extended Diploma	Level 3	Edexcel

Course Summary

This is a work related programme of study that covers the key knowledge and practical skills you would require to work in the health sector. It is composed of 18 units. 8 of these units are core mandatory units and 10 are specialist units. It is broadly equivalent to three Advanced GCSEs.

This course will enable you to:

- Develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of learners in relation to the health and social care sector.
- Develop the ability to put theoretical underpinnings into practice through the vocational practice element of the course.
- Have opportunities to focus on the development of the major nationally recognised key skills and wider key skills in a health care context.

Work Experience – as part of this course you will be expected to undertake planned vocational practice in a variety of health and care related settings. For instance, nursery schools, residential day care centres, nursing homes, special needs day centres, certain hospital settings such as occupation/physiotherapy. Vocational practice is an essential element to achieving the course aims. You will be required to attend placement settings 1 day a week throughout the majority of your course. This will allow you to attain the minimum requirement of 100 hours vocational practice during the 2 year course.

How will I be assessed?

There are no formal external examinations on the BTEC courses. All assessments are coursework driven. These will be composed of mainly written assignments (including timed assessments), oral presentations and independent projects. A major part of the course is vocational practice experience which is assessed in the form of a portfolio. There is a vocational element to this course and this takes place in unit 6. A portfolio is kept and this will be assessed. There is a minimum of 100 hours placement practice over the 2 years.

Entry Requirements

To join the course you will need 5 GCSEs at minimum grade C, including English Language and preferably Maths, or an equivalent qualification and to attend an interview at College. A suitable reference will also be required.

How much time will I spend on the course?

How is the course taught?

Courses are taught by a range of methods including written assessments, role play, presentations, discussions, posters, scrapbooks and practical activities.

Where is the Course taught?

Redditch Campus

Who is this course suitable for?

What are the mandatory modules or units?

Unit 1: Developing Effective Communication in Health & Social Care

This unit offers you the opportunity to explore skills of effective interpersonal interaction and communication. You will learn about ways of analysing factors that enhance and inhibit good communication and also learn how to examine and reflect on effective interpersonal skills.

Unit 2: Equality, Diversity and Rights in Health & Social Care

Britain has an immensely diverse society. You will have the opportunity to explore, consider and understand how equality, diversity and rights are central to the effective operation of care services. You will learn how care workers communicate these values individually.

Unit 3: Health, Safety and Security in Health & Social Care

Health, safety and security issues are important to protect both service users and workers. The working environment is a complex one where individuals can be exposed to potential hazards. This unit encourages you to reflect on potential hazards and how the risk from these may be reduced by following relevant legislation and guidelines.

Unit 4: Development through Life Stages

This unit will allow you the opportunity to become familiar with life stages and how people grow and develop. It also allows you to gain insight into the ageing process and to relate theory to practice. It will also allow you to explore the importance of genetic, environmental and socio-economic factors on development.

Unit 5: Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology

Unit 6: Personal and Professional Development in Health & Social Care

In this unit you will develop your ability to draw on a range of sources of information to assess your own personal and professional development. You will be able to draw particularly on your experiences gained on vocational placement and on other relevant experiences such as study, employment and/or voluntary activities.

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Unit 7: Sociological Perspectives in Health & Social Care

An introduction to sociology, students will be introduced to the different sociological approaches to study. Students will be given the opportunity to apply these different approaches to a number of concepts within health and social care, such as disease, illness according to age, ethnicity, culture and locality. Students will also have the opportunity to examine the health inequalities among different groups of people in society and the range of explanations that sociologists have suggested for these inequalities.

Unit 8: Psychological Perspectives in Health & Social Care

This unit enables students to develop an understanding of the methodology necessary to carry out research in the care sector. As well as providing the underpinning knowledge for writing future projects, students also develop an understanding of the ethical issues and implications arising from research.

Optional Units

The Specialist Units may include:

- Environmental health
- Nutrition for Health & Social Care
- Human Inheritance
- Coping with change
- Research methods

What materials do I have to provide?

What can I do after this course?

With a BTEC Extended National Diploma in Health & Social Care [Health Studies specialism], you could enter employment/training or go on to higher education. The majority of our BTEC graduates go on to university to study for degrees in health and social care related areas such as paramedic science, nursing, midwifery, social work, teaching, radiography, physiotherapy or even in the field of a medical science and investigations. BTEC graduates have also gone on to study academic degrees with for example, pure Psychology or Sociology degrees while other students have chosen related subjects – e.g. Criminal psychology or forensic science.

What careers would this course be useful for?

How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete an application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year.

This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.