

Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
Health and Social Care	BETEC first Diploma	Level 2	Edexcel

Course Summary

This is a one year level 2 course consisting of theory based study. Upon successful completion you will have a level 2 course equivalent to 4 GCSE's at C or above.

- Develop your interpersonal skills
- Develop key skills in the areas of Application of Number, Information Technology and Literacy whilst linking them to the caring environment
- Cover topics including diet, nutrition, anatomy & physiology and development throughout the lifespan
- Have the opportunity to listen to outside speakers who have specialist knowledge within the caring field, e.g. physiotherapist, play therapist and visit their various departments

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is ongoing through written assignments and demonstrations within class throughout the year. These are graded Pass, Merit and Distinction internally before being moderated externally. Support is offered through a personal tutor assigned to you at the beginning of the course who will guide you and help you to complete your qualifications.

Entry Requirements

To join the course you will need 4 GCSEs at minimum grade D (preferably including English Language and Maths) or an equivalent qualification and to attend an interview at College.

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?

Units 1 and 2: Communication and Individual Rights within the Health & Social Care Sectors

This unit is about the importance of a person's needs and treating that person as an individual. This relates to speaking and listening to them carefully. It also requires communicating with others involved in their care and reading appropriate information such as care plans and daily records. Principles of good practice will be covered.

Units 3 and 4: Individual Needs within the Health & Social Care Sectors

Basic health needs throughout the lifespan are dealt with in this unit. You will prepare a health plan for improving the health and wellbeing of one individual based on their life stage and activities done.

Optional Units

Unit 6: Cultural Diversity in Health & Social Care

In this unit you will identify factors that influence differences and equality of individuals such as gender and race. You will learn how the attitudes of carers relate to caring for individuals who may be different from themselves.

Unit 7: Anatomy and Physiology for Health & Social Care

This unit will involve examining the functions of the human body. In particular, the structure and function of two major body systems are studied and the relationship between them.

Unit 8: Human Lifespan Development

An overview of human development throughout the lifespan and factors that influence growth and mental development will be examined in this unit. You will learn how life events can affect the care needs of an individual.

Unit 11: The Impact of Diet on Health

Topics covered in this unit include:

- The importance of a healthy diet
- The nutrients required at each life stage and the foods in which they are found
- Hygienic food handling requirements and the effects of unsafe hygienic practices
- The consequences of unbalanced diets on our health

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What materials do I have to provide?

What can I do after this course?

In order to progress to level 3 you will need to achieve a Merit plus GCSE English language at grade C or level 2 Functional Skill in Literacy.

What careers would this course be useful for?

There are many possible careers within the care field. These include nursing, social work and working with children in a variety of settings.

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.