

# Health & Social Care

## BTEC Level 1/Level 2

Examination Board: Pearson

### What will I study?

The three components of the qualification give learners the opportunity to develop broad knowledge and understanding of health and social care at Levels 1 and 2.

**Subject content:** Students have two internal assessments and one external assessment in the following components:

#### **Component 1:**

Human Lifespan Development

Learners will investigate how, in real-life situations, human development is affected by different factors through the life stages.

#### **How it is assessed**

- Internal assessment - assignments
- 30% of final grade

#### **Learning aims**

**A** Understand human growth and development across life stages and the factors that affect it

**B** Investigate how individuals deal with life events

#### **Component 2:**

Health and Social Care Services and Values

Learners study and explore practically, health and social care services and how they meet the needs of real service users. They also develop skills in applying care values.

#### **How it is assessed**

- Internal assessment - assignments
- 30% of final grade

#### **Learning aims**

**A** Understand the different types of health and social care services and barriers to accessing them

**B** Demonstrate care values and review own practice

#### **Component 3:**

Health and Social Care Services and Values

This external component builds on knowledge, understanding and skills acquired and developed in Components 1 and 2. Learners will be given a case study and will assess an individual's health and wellbeing, drawing on their understanding of life events from Component 1. They will design a health and wellbeing improvement plan that draws on their knowledge of services and care values from Component 2.

#### **How it is assessed**

- External assessment - a task worth 60 marks completed under supervised conditions
- Supervised assessment period is two hours long
- Assessment availability is twice a year: February and May/June.
- 40% of final grade

### Why study the BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care Level 1/Level 2?

Together, the health and social care sector employ one in ten of the working population, with the NHS being the largest employer in the UK with 1.4 million workers.

The BTEC Tech Award in Health and Social Care is valued by employers as it demonstrates how students can develop sector-specific knowledge and skills, and apply them to real-life situations.

Within all communities, and in an ageing population, there are many vulnerable groups of people in today's society. Some need full-time care, while others need help as they cannot manage alone but are still capable of leading an independent life. As a consequence, there are many jobs and career paths for people wanting to work in the health and social care sector. These jobs are for people who want to make a difference and have a rewarding career supporting others.

As well as for obvious reasons, like being a caring person, some people feel it is in their nature to work in a health and social care role. It can be a vocation. Others fall into health and social care because of personal experience. Caring for a friend or relative can be an eye-opening path into a career in this area. Sometimes people are so affected by giving support to someone close to them, or from having received support themselves, that they feel the need to become a health worker or social worker. Whatever the reasons, there are many highly valued jobs at different levels that, with the right education and training, can lead to exceptionally satisfying careers in health and social care.

### What can the qualification lead to?

Study of the qualification as part of Key Stage 4 learning will help learners to make more informed choices for further learning, either generally or in this sector. The choices that learners can make post-16 will depend on their overall level of attainment and their performance in the qualification.

Learners who generally achieve at Level 2 across their Key Stage 4 learning might consider:

progression to qualification at Level 3, such as the BTEC National Extended Certificate or BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care, which prepares learners to enter employment or apprenticeships, or to move on to higher education by studying a degree in aspects of health or social care.

### Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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