

Applied Science

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Certificate

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science?

The BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science aims to acquaint learners with the specific vocational skills, understanding and knowledge required to enter employment within the science industry or organisations which use science.

The course is designed to enable you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Certificate. It consists of three core units - chemistry applications, physical science applications, and biological systems - which total 180 guided learning hours.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

The BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science can be a stepping stone for successful candidates towards entering initial employment as a science technician or assistant practitioner in a wide variety of roles in the science industry.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Certificate has the equivalence of 2 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science, it is possible for you to progress further to the BTEC First Diploma in Applied Science, or to enrol on another Level 2 programme, such as a relevant NVQ, or to move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Applied Science, specialising in your preferred field.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

Contact us

www.edexcel.org.uk/about/contact

About Edexcel

Edexcel is a Pearson company and the UK's largest awarding body. We offer academic and vocational qualifications and testing to more than 25,000 schools, colleges, employers and other places of learning here and in over 100 countries worldwide.