

Applied Science

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Diploma

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

The BTEC First Diploma 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 that use science.

The course is designed to enable you to study other subjects alongside your BTEC First Certificate. The course consists of two core units plus a choice of specialist units totalling 360 guided learning hours. The structure of the course gives you a broad foundation as well allowing you to focus on your interests, and choose new areas to explore, such as environmental science, forensic science applications or anatomy and physiology.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

The successful completion of a BTEC First Diploma in Applied Science can be used as a route 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 Diploma has the equivalence of 4 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Diploma in Applied Science, it is possible for you to progress further by enrolling 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 Diploma 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

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