



Applied Science

Student Guide Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diploma

What is the Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diploma in Applied Science?

The qualification provides you with the opportunity to acquire useful personal skills, building up your individual confidence, as well as a broad introduction to the applied science sector, by developing your understanding of the relevant practical skills and associated knowledge needed in this field of work.

The qualification is designed to enable you, where appropriate, to study other subjects alongside your BTEC Introductory. There are three core units, two personal skills units and a selection of vocational option units, which add up to a total of 360 guided learning hours.

The structure of the course allows you to develop your interests and to gain a broad range of appropriate practical and underpinning knowledge, which can enable you to undertake initial work or pursue further study. The course will open up a variety of subjects to you, which, according to your preferences, might include working in the science sector, financial management, useful plants or science detection.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

By successfully undertaking the BTEC Introductory Diploma in Applied Science you should acquire increased self reliance and an awareness of the vocational skills needed in the applied science sector. This will give you a strong starting point for entering the workplace in an appropriate support role, following additional training and encouragement.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

Having achieved the BTEC Introductory Diploma in Applied Science, it may be possible to further your personal development and employability by undertaking another BTEC Introductory qualification in a vocational area that interests you. Alternatively, you could progress to a qualification at Level 2, such as a BTEC First Certificate or Diploma in Applied Science, or you could work towards an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) in a specific area of skills, especially if you would be working in a related area.

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, depending on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Introductory Diploma in Applied Science are determined by those schools, colleges or training providers approved to deliver this qualification. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have reasonable levels of literacy and numeracy, as determined by the Adult Literacy and Numeracy National Standards.

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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