

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Health & Social Care

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Introduction

From September 2007 the BTEC National in Health Studies and the BTEC National in Care will be merged to become the BTEC National in Health and Social Care. This will bring this suite of National programmes in line with the NVQs in Health and Social Care.

It is anticipated that integrating the two qualifications will improve the flexibility of delivery for centres and assist in raising achievement levels.

The BTEC Nationals in Health and Social Care provide:

- education and training for health and social care employees
- opportunities for health and social care employees to achieve a nationally recognised Level 3 vocationally specific qualification
- young people with a nationally recognised vocationally specific qualification for entry into employment in the health and social care sectors
- progression routes to higher education vocational qualifications such as the Edexcel Level 5 BTEC Higher National in Health and Social Care
- learners with a period of work experience which acts as a focal point for learning and provides experience of the sectors
- a range of skills and techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

These qualifications are supported by the relevant sector skills councils:

- Skills for Care and Development
- Skills for Health.

Overview of the Qualifications

The BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care consists of three core units and a wide choice of specialist units. The specialist units include a unit that is strongly recommended for learners and includes 50 hours of work experience.

The BTEC National Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care include 100 hours of mandatory work experience. Both are available with the following endorsements, depending on the choice of core units:

- Social Care
- Health Studies
- Health Sciences.

The BTEC National Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care are also available without an endorsed title.

Embedded within the BTEC Nationals in Health and Social Care is the importance of reflection and evidence-based practice.

The core units provide much of the underpinning knowledge for the Level 3 NVQ in Health and Social Care.

There is also a mandatory requirement for learners to produce a professional development portfolio. This will include a professional practice log book and other records that will demonstrate learner's progression and development throughout the duration of their National programme.

How are the qualifications assessed?

The qualifications are internally assessed and externally verified by Edexcel. Centres may develop their own assessment instruments provided these meet the requirements of assessment within the specification.

What qualifications are available?

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care - 360glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Health and Social Care - 720glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Health and Social Care (Social Care) - 720glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Health and Social Care (Health Studies) - 720glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Health and Social Care (Health Sciences) - 720glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care - 1080glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care (Social Care) - 1080glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care (Health Studies) - 1080glh

Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care (Health Sciences) - 1080glh

Who should take these qualifications?

The BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care is designed as an additional qualification within a level 3 programme. Such a level 3 programme could also include, for example, GCES or other BTEC National Awards or Certificates. The BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care will provide learners with an introduction and overview of the health and social care sectors and help to support career choices.

The BTEC National Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care are designed as stand alone qualifications that provide learners with knowledge and understanding of the health and social care sectors, and specialist knowledge and understanding according to their choice of titles and specialist units.

The BTEC National Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care will prepare learners either for employment in the sectors or for higher education.

Guidance and Support

Tutor support materials will be available for centres. This will include detailed guidance on work experience, as well as sample assignments and schemes of work.

Edexcel Online is an invaluable service for administrators providing support at every stage of the qualification cycle, from approval through to registration and entry, reporting of achievement and results and post results services.

In addition, you can now access support services for teaching staff, including Results Analysis and Online Support for Centre Assessors (OSCA). You can log in to the service at www.edexcelonline.co.uk

More Information

If you are a centre wishing to offer any of these qualifications, or are interested in studying for any of these qualifications, please contact our Customer Services Team on 0870 240 9800 or visit www.edexcel.org.uk.

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