

Health and Social Care

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Award

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care?

The qualification will give an understanding of the underpinning knowledge and practical skills to provide learners with the common core principles of health and social care enabling progression to employment or higher level education. The BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care is designed to be flexible so that it reflects individual career aspirations and the teaching strengths of centres, therefore making it possible to enter a specific vocation or to explore more specialist aspects of job roles within the sector.

There will be an emphasis on employment opportunities, so that you can choose to progress into a specific area of work, and if already in employment, to move on to a more responsible job within the industry. There are three compulsory core units plus a range of specialist areas (to total 360 guided learning hours).

The course is ideal for those who are unsure of specific potential career pathways, as it provides a broader understanding of the sector, with the possibility to specialise in areas such as caring for children or the elderly. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. If successful there are a variety of potential careers that you can explore, all of which will benefit from your studies, for example: care worker, health care assistant or occupational health nurse.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care has the equivalence of one GCE A Level, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take one academic year to complete but it can be studied for longer.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award in Health and Social Care laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First in Health and Social Care and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the 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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