



Overview:

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care is for learners who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector as part of a balanced study programme. It is equivalent to one A Level and is assessed using a combination of exams and coursework. You will complete and achieve all of the following units:

Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development

In this unit we aim to develop your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development. We focus on exploring the key aspects of growth and development, including the experience of health and wellbeing. We also look at the factors that can influence human growth, development, and human health.

Unit 2 Working in Health and Social Care

In this unit we look at what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. When working for an organisation in this sector, you will have important responsibilities that you need to understand and carry out. These include maintaining the safety of and safeguarding individuals with health and social care needs, making sure that you properly handle their personal information and preventing discrimination towards them.

Unit 5 Meeting Individual and Support Needs

In this unit, we focus on the values and principles of meeting care and support needs and look at some of the ethical issues that arise when personalising care. We examine factors that can impact the professionals who provide the care and support, and the challenges that must be overcome to allow access to good quality care and health services.

Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their Care

In this unit, we look at the signs and symptoms of physiological disorders and how they are investigated and diagnosed. We also focus on the different types of treatment and support available for individual service users, including surgery, rehabilitation and complementary therapies.

Entry Requirements:

A minimum of five GCSE passes Graded at 4-9 are required including English and Science.

Expectations:

You will be expected to purchase a core text book that will cover your BTEC study. We promote student-centred learning and we require you to be well motivated and well organised. We use a range of different teaching methods and you will be helped to identify your own learning style preferences and how to make best use of these to help you succeed. Independent reading and research are expected.

Extra-Curricular Activities / Independent Learning Opportunities:

As part of this course, we strongly encourage learners to spend some time working in a care-type environment, Examples could include working in a SEND department in a school, a nursery or a nursing home.

Career Pathways:

This qualification is generally taken alongside other qualifications as part of a 2-year programme of learning. This will enable learners to progress to a degree programme chosen from a range of programmes in the health and social care sector. The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education institutions as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses. At Prince William school, it can be taken alongside, for example:

- A Levels in Biology and Psychology, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- A Levels in English and History, which could lead to a BA (Hons) in Primary Education
- A BTEC National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development, and A level Psychology which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Social Work
- A BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport, which could lead to a Foundation Degree in Sports Studies and Development.