

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care 2017 – 2019



This BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate is a two year course and is equivalent to one A level. This means you can study this alongside two other A level subjects or another 1 or 2 BTEC subjects. Over the two years you will study 4 Units, 3 of these are mandatory content.

In the first year:

| | Unit title | Extended Cert (1A) | Assessment |
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| Unit 1 | Human Lifespan development | Mandatory | Exam Jan / May 2018 |
| Unit 5 | Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs | Mandatory | Internal assessment |

In the second year

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| Unit 2 | Working in Health and Social Care | Mandatory | Exam Jan / May 2019 |
| Unit 10 | Sociological Perspectives | Optional | Internal assessment |

Work experience - Completing a 25 hour placement

As part of this BTEC course it is expected that you will complete 25 hours at a work placement such as:

- Care homes for older adults and people with learning difficulties
- Nursing homes/hospital
- Day centres
- Youth clubs for people with learning difficulties
- Hospice care
- Opticians/Pharmacy/Dentist
- Sheltered housing with communal day room activities

Child care placements such as nurseries or pre - school are not seen as health and social care, as they are early year's education and so you must use the list above which Edexcel set, in order to plan your placement.

By doing a placement it will enable you to put all your classroom learning and theories studied into practice. It will also enhance your opportunities when you apply for university or a career working with others.

You can discuss your work experience interests with your teacher and the Work Experience Coordinator (Judith Shard) who will be able to help you secure a placement. You will be given the paperwork needed to apply for a placement on moving on day.

What will the lessons be like?

Lessons will be an hour and a half long. You will have one teacher to teach you for all lessons. They will usually give you the chance to get involved in some way, for example in pair or small group work. You will be given class time to write up some of your coursework but we expect you to work at home or at college outside of the lessons to complete work by the deadlines set. You should always be reading around the subjects you are studying.

How often can I redraft my coursework?

Your teacher(s) will give you some verbal feedback on your first draft and peer markers will also give you feedback. This will enable you to improve your work to the best of your ability. It is very important for you to follow this guidance as your first submission is your final submission !

What do I need to provide?

- A4 paper with holes
- Hard backed files with dividers to store your work
- Highlighter pens are useful for identifying key points from reading materials
- Bring your notes with you to each lesson

What if I am away?

It is important that you follow college procedures regarding absence.

We would recommend that you have a designated friend in the class who will be able to help you to catch you up on work missed. You can also book a subject extension with your teacher(s) to go through the work and clarify understanding. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed when you are absent from a lesson and to check the VLE to ensure you catch up with the work.

How will I know how I am getting on?

Your teacher will comment briefly on work regularly. Once a term you will get the opportunity to reflect on your progress and discuss it individually with your teacher. Together you will agree on a 'target' grade and identify key targets for improving your work. These 'target' grades are reviewed each term.

How will my work be assessed by the exam board?

Throughout the course you will have two exams and two internal assessments (see chart on page 1)

How can I get extra help?

You can see your teacher(s) for individual appointments during subject extensions. It is important to use these well. If you have a problem, want extra reading or are finding the work hard, make sure you see your teacher(s).

BTEC Health and Social Care Summer Work (2017)

As stated previously your placement is central to the BTEC and so over the summer and prior to September 2017 you must make every effort to find a placement ready to start in September. Therefore you must complete the paperwork given to you, even if you have a placement already. The College must have a record of where you are on placement and what you are doing. On your timetable Wednesday afternoon should be clear and so you can do your placements on this day every week. You might after September choose to do this more regularly.

Useful contacts

General: www.carehome.co.uk – for all local residential care homes (just tap in your postcode!)

Victoria Nursing Group <http://www.victorianursinggroup.co.uk/hove/> – 3 residential care homes across Hove

Grace Eyre <https://www.grace-eyre.org/> - supporting people with learning disabilities

Right Here www.right-here-brightonandhove.org.uk - Right Here is an innovative health and wellbeing project led by volunteers aged 16-25. We support young people age 13 – 25 across Sussex in a range of ways

Worthing Grasshoppers – 1-1 care for disabled children

Looking forward to seeing you all in September, have a great summer break.



