

# BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

# Health and Social Care

## Why choose to study Health and Social Care?

This is an exciting course that allows students to gain a wide range of knowledge and understanding about the Health and Social Care Sectors. Students have the opportunity to study this as an Extended Certificate (equivalent of an A Level) or as a full Diploma (2 A Level equivalent).



## Entrance Requirements

Students studying Health and Social Care for the first time are welcome to take this course. There is no requirement to have studied Health and Social Care in Years 10 and 11. Students will require a good standard of English to complete the course and it is expected that they will have achieved 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English and science.

## Course Content & Learning Styles

This course is one of the new BTEC Courses, which have been designed to replace the A Levels in this subject. The course is totally relevant for the Health and Social Care sector in the twenty-first century. Students will study Human Lifespan Development, caring for others, sociological perspectives and working in Health and Social Care. These topics give a broad understanding of the sector and will allow students to develop their research, evaluation, analysis and problem-solving skills.



## Progression Opportunities

This course is the equivalent of 1 or 2 A Levels, and will allow students to progress to a range of university degrees, along with other relevant A Levels. Many students who take this course choose to work in the Health and Social Care sector in roles such as social work, nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy and primary teaching. Students may also consider courses in Sociology, Criminology, Psychology, Social Policy and other Social Science based subjects. Other students go on to begin apprenticeships in the NHS or early years sector.

