

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

Course Overview

This qualification is a two-year, full-time study programme; it is an in-depth study of the health and social care sector. It supports progression to health and social care related degrees, work or a higher apprenticeship. You will have the opportunity to complete 100 hours of placement over the 2 years which will be related to your chosen career pathway. The course is equivalent to three A Levels.

What you will learn

In the first year will cover subjects such as Human lifespan development, working in the health care sector, anatomy and physiology, meeting individual care needs. You will explore the needs of service users and the role that you will play in supporting their needs as a professional. You will complete 50 hours of placement during this year.

In year 2 you will continue exploring the needs of the individual in a variety of settings with complex needs. Units such as mental health and wellbeing, supporting those with individual needs and working with individuals with dementia is a sample of the units you will study. You will complete at least 50 hours of placement during this year.

Entry Requirements

You will require 5 GCSE's at 4 and above one must be English Language.

Course Fees

There is a £30 material fee

Course Progression

This course provides you with a number of options for further progression. Upon successful completion and achievement of this qualification you can choose a pathway that focuses on a particular occupational area of employment such as domiciliary care; care support worker; care home advocate and more. Alternatively, you can choose to either progress on to a national apprenticeship in health and social care or a degree in the health and social care sector.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00148
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	2 years
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	3

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