



Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) (1 x A-Level equiv.)

Why study Health and Social Care?

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) allows students to engage in a broad investigation of various aspects of the health and social care sector. There are two mandatory examined units and one mandatory internally assessed unit. Students will select a further optional unit from the four available. The internally assessed units give students the opportunity to engage in applied knowledge and understanding tasks to develop their health and social care knowledge. The qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a study programme and can link to learning in A Levels such as Psychology, Biology or English. It is intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

What is the course structure?

The qualification is equivalent in size to 1 A-Level and is designed to occupy one-third of a typical study programme, which could include other vocational or academic qualifications such as BTEC or A Levels.

The following are the 3 mandatory topics and the 1 optional topic that is relevant across the health and social care sector:

Unit 1 Human Lifespan and Development – Mandatory (Examination unit)

Students will examine physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, the interaction between biological and social factors in health and well-being and how health care professionals provide effective care.

Unit 2 Human Biology and Health – Mandatory (Examination unit)

Students explore the organisation, structure and normal physiological functioning of the human body, and the effect on health of common disorders of the body systems.

Unit 3 Principles of Health and Social Care Practice – Mandatory (Coursework unit)

Students focus on the principles that underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals, which are the foundation of all services within health and social care.

Unit 7 Health Science – Optional (Coursework unit)

Students will cover the key microbiological concepts relevant to the field of health science and the role of microbiology in the diagnosis and spread of disease on a local, national and international scale.

What will I study each year?

Year 12

Unit 1 Human Lifespan and Development

Unit 2 Human Biology and Health

Examination at the end of Year 12

Year 13

Unit 3 Principles of Health and Social Care Practice

Unit 7 Health Science

Resits of examinations available during Year 13

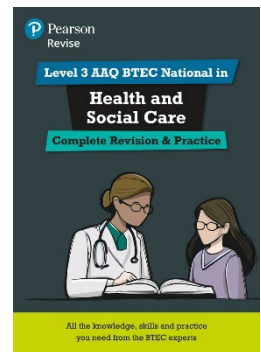
Which activities will I be engaged in during the course?

The 2 coursework units are internally assessed by a Pearson Set Assignment Brief, which is set by Pearson and marked by the subject teachers. There are 2 examinations, both of these are set and marked by the examination board. Students will also develop their transferable skills throughout the course; managing yourself; effective learning; interpersonal skills; solving problems.

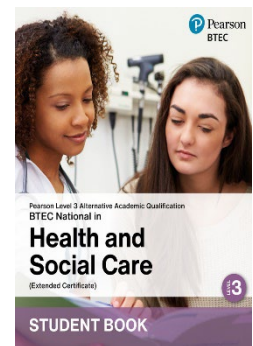


How can I prepare for the course?

Pearson Revise Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Health & Social Care Complete Revision and Practice £21.99



Level 3 AAQ BTEC National in Health and Social Care Extended Certificate Student Book £38.50



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