

Level 3 Extended Diploma Health & Social Care (Health Studies)

Are you interested in working in a healthcare setting? A career in healthcare is challenging, rewarding, interesting and exciting, requiring you to have a variety of skills, knowledge and expertise to succeed. This course will provide you with a broad scientific base and an opportunity to study health care issues. It is also designed to prepare you to work in health-related careers in a professional capacity and provides the knowledge, skills and understanding required for working in a health environment or a progression route for Higher Education.

What will I learn?

One of the great strengths of the Foundation Diploma is the integration of theory and practice as you have the opportunity to apply what you have learnt at college to your work placements. The course aims to give you a varied learning experience and will be a combination of a student-centred approach to learning, involving research for assignments, visits, guest speakers, lectures, group work and discussions.

An experienced team of lecturers, many of whom have worked in the health and social care profession will support your learning. You will need to prepare to work hard independently, carry out in-depth research and use a variety of information sources.

Throughout the programme lecturers and personal tutors will actively encourage you to develop as individuals and provide ongoing pastoral and academic support. An important part of this course is work experience. You will have the opportunity to be placed in a variety of settings totaling a minimum of 100 hours which is a mandatory part of the course. Previous settings have included hospitals, residential homes for the elderly and day centres for clients with mental health problems or learning disabilities. Please note: A clear DBS certificate will be required in order to complete this course.

The BTEC Foundation Diploma in Health & Social Care comprises of 6 units through 510 guided learning hours. This qualification is equivalent to 1.5 A Levels and forms part of the Extended Diploma which is equivalent to 3 A Levels. This is a full-time course which requires you to attend placement one day per week in the second year of study.

It is essential that you progress to Year 2 to achieve the Extended Diploma for employment and university progression.

Year 1 – Modules

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support needs
- Principles of Safe practice in Health and Social Care
- Nutritional Health
- Psychological Perspectives

Year 2 – Modules

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Microbiology for Health Science
- Scientific Techniques for Health Science

Assessment Arrangement

Your achievement in this subject is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will learn in a friendly atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods including: Exams, written assignments, portfolio and project work and discussions.

Information & Support

Throughout the course you would be required to complete at least 15 hours of independent study time per week. To support you in this you will have access to lecturers via email and will be able to access support materials and resources via our virtual learning environment, Moodle.

There is a refundable charge for library resources and locker key.

Successful completion of the two-year course should allow entry into Higher Education, employment or training in the health sector. Some possible careers are Nursing, Physiotherapy, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Social Work. Successful completion of the course should allow entry into Higher Education, including Nursing and Midwifery degrees and/or employment or training in the health sector. Previous students have also progressed into Nutrition, Primary School Teaching and other allied health care professions.

In order to progress onto a university course in Nursing, Midwifery or the Allied Health Professions, you will also need a grade 4 in GCSE Science.

Additional Information

Awarding Body:
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