

AAQ BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

Full Time / Level 3 / Callywith College

This course and the qualification you will achieve is equivalent to one A Level and it has been designed to be part of a typical two-year study programme, alongside A Levels. The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate) provides students with a comprehensive exploration of the health and social care sector. This qualification is designed to complement A Levels as part of a study programme and aligns well with subjects like Psychology, Biology, or English. It is ideal for students aiming to pursue higher education as a pathway to future employment.



Why choose this course? ▼

This course provides a solid foundation for careers in healthcare, social work, and allied health professions. It integrates theoretical knowledge with real-world applications, preparing students for both higher education and employment. With a growing demand for skilled professionals, this course offers a rewarding path to making a positive impact on people's lives.

What will I learn? ▼

You will study 4 units over 2 years, this includes two externally assessed units and two internally assessed units.

- **Human Lifespan and Development (exam)** – PIES and factors affecting growth and development, interventions and the different professionals providing care and treatment.
- **Human Biology and Health (exam)** – Human body structure and systems, normal physiological functioning and the impact of common disorders.
- **Health and Social Care Practice** – Core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care, and the effect of social determinants on an individual health status.
- **Health Science** – Types of infections and their potential impact on a local, national and international scale.

Assessment Arrangements ▼

The units are assessed either by external or internal assessment.

External examinations – all learners take the same assessment at the same time, normally with a written outcome.

Set tasks internally assessed – learners take the assessment during a defined assignment window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task.

Some external assessments include a period of preparation using set information. External assessments are available twice a year and students may have the opportunity to resit them.

For internally assessed units, assignments will be completed.

What will I need? ▼

Health and Social Care is available to students with no previous experience of the subject. We would expect students to have five GCSEs at grade 4 or above and a 5 or above in English Language.

Where will it take me? ▼

Successful completion of the course can support progression to degree courses in health or social care including nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, teaching, social work, psychology and youth work degrees and/or employment or training in the health or social care sector.

Additional Information ▼

Awarding Body - Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)

Further information

To obtain more information about this course, please call: 01208 224000 or visit www.callywith.ac.uk