

Course Titles: Health and Social Care

Awarding Body: Pearson

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The qualification focuses on developing applied knowledge of the health and social care sector through studying human lifespan development, health and social care services and values, and health and wellbeing. It forms part of a Key Stage 4 learning programme that enables both academic and vocational progression. The course prepares students for further study within the health and social care sector through progression on to qualifications such as the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care and it also complements a number of A Level subjects.

This qualification consists of three components and learners will be assessed through two internal assignments and one external examination.

Component 1: Human Lifespan development

This component is assessed internally by assignments marked by the centre and externally verified by Edexcel. 30% of total course mark. In this component you will explore:

- The life stages and key characteristics in the physical, intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) development classifications and the different factors that can affect an individual's growth and development.
- Different life events and how individuals can adapt or be supported through changes caused by life events.

Component 2: Health and Social Care services and values

This component is assessed internally by assignments marked by the centre and externally verified by Edexcel. 30% of total course mark. In this component you will explore:

- Health and social care conditions, how they can be managed by the individual and the different health and social care services that are available.
- The barriers and obstacles an individual may encounter and how these can be overcome.
- The skills, attributes and values required to give care and how these benefit the individual.

Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

This component is assessed externally by a written examination. 40% of total course mark. In this component you will explore:

- How factors can affect an individual's current health and wellbeing.
- How physiological indicators and an individual's lifestyle choices determine physical health.
- The use of the person-centred approach.
- Recommendations and actions to improving health and wellbeing and the barriers or obstacles individuals may face when following recommendations and the support available to overcome.

This course is beneficial for students considering pursuing a career within the healthcare sector (e.g. nursing, physiotherapy, midwifery), the social care sector (e.g. social work, youth work, counselling) or careers working with people in society.