



Course Information – September 2011

Course Title

BTEC First Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care
(Worth 2 GCSE's Grade C to A*)

Level

2

Awarding Body

Edexcel

What is the content of the course?

Mandatory Units:

Unit 2 : Individual Needs in Health & Social Care

This unit covers Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social Needs (PIES) affecting development across all life stages. We cover issues affecting health e.g. smoking, diet, alcohol, illness and disability. You will create a health plan to help someone improve their health and well-being.

Unit 4 :Ensuring Safe Environments in Health and Social Care

This unit involves you carrying out a Health and Safety audit, you will learn about health and safety legislation and how to control risks.

Optional Units

Unit 5: Vocational Experience in a Health or Social Care Setting

This unit is based on 60 hours of work experience in a care or early years setting. This is a great unit where you show you know how to apply for work experience, carry out an interview role play, complete a 60 hours work placement and reflect and evaluate your experience and inter-personal skills.

Unit 8 : Human Lifespan Development

This unit covers development across all life stages. You investigate the events that influence individuals, topics include divorce, marriage, employment, redundancy. We look at sophisticated concepts such as the development of self image, self esteem and self concept. We cover changing care needs and how they are met through care plans and multi-disciplinary working. It builds on the knowledge from unit 2.

How is the course assessed?

	%	Details:
End of course exams	0	
Modular exams	0	
Controlled Assessment	0	
Portfolio	100%	Four complete pieces of coursework need to be submitted throughout the course duration. One for each module of work.

How is this course delivered?

All units are assessed internally, either through coursework or practical work. Tasks and learning styles are varied.

Students must complete 2 Mandatory Units and 2 Optional Units.

It is essential that students complete 2 weeks of work placement in a care or early years setting (a nursery is a good choice) to complete the vocational unit. A witness statement from the employer is vital.

Grading will be Pass, Merit or Distinction for each unit of work.

What are the entry requirements?

Students need to be prepared to under-take work experience in an appropriate care or early years setting

Good communication and literacy skills

What skills are useful for success on this course?

It is essential students have a keen interest in people and Health and Social Care issues.

Students must be willing to work independently and in teams.

Desirable skills include excellent listening, independent research and an ability to communicate effectively using different techniques.

ICT skills are used throughout the course to present work in a professional format and to research topics

What opportunities will success on this course give me?

Progression into further education or further training for employment – NVQ's in Health, Social Care or Early Years, A Level Health & Social Care, BTEC level 3 courses in Health & Social Care, Level 3 Diploma in Society, Health and Development

Useful for careers including nursery nurse, dental nurse, working with elderly or people with disabilities, medical careers e.g. radiographer, chiropodist, nursing, midwifery, social work, and teaching.