

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA in Health & Social Care

WHAT IS THE COURSE ABOUT?

The BTEC National Diploma is a practical, work related course. The course consists of 18 units. It is suitable for anyone wishing to progress into a social care career.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will:

- Gain a broad understanding of care
- Develop skills, knowledge and understanding in care
- Have the opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way
- Follow a programme of study that enables progression to both higher education and employment in health sectors
- Develop Key Skills that are highly valued by employers and universities
- Gain confidence by developing independent learning skills

Full award units, consist of the following compulsory units:

- Developing effective communication in health and social care
- Equality, diversity and rights in care work
- Health, safety and security in health and social care
- Development through the life stages
- Personal and professional development in health and social care
- Values and planning in social care
- Sociological perspectives for health and social care
- Psychological perspectives for health and social care
- Caring for children and young people
- Supporting and protecting adults

Plus seven specialist units.

Students wishing to pursue a career in this area need to achieve good standards of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. For this reason, if you are under

19 years of age when you begin your course, you will be required to study these essential subjects.

WHEN DOES THE COURSE START?

The course starts in September of each year.

HOW DO I ATTEND?

On a full-time basis.

WHO IS THE AWARDING BODY?

Edexcel.

HOW LONG DOES THE COURSE LAST?

The course is studied full-time over two years.

ARE THERE ANY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

- Five GCSEs at Grade C or above including English, Mathematics and Science.
- BTEC First Diploma at merit level with Mathematics or English. Alternative qualifications in caring if of an equivalent level to the above.

WHAT COULD I DO NEXT?

The full award is equivalent to three A Levels. Progression possibilities to Higher Education include:

- Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care at The Grimsby Institute.
- Social work courses in the Higher Education Institution.

Additional qualifications may be required for entry to some of these areas. The qualification is an entry point to a variety of jobs in the caring sector.

WHAT CAREER COULD I GO INTO?

The course is specifically for students wishing to pursue a career in care.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

All units are assessed by means of assignments, projects and presentations, and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded.