

AAQ BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care

(Equivalent to 1 A Level)

Exam board: Pearson

Entry requirements:

Minimum requirement Level 2 Merit in Level 1/2 BTEC Tech Award Health in Social Care, **however a Level 2 Distinction grade or higher is strongly recommended.**

New to Health and Social Care, GCSE level 5 or above in English and Science (Biology)



Course Content:

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (externally assessed unit). You will study every age range, from conception through to old age, and consider how different life factors impact on our lives.

Unit 2: Human Biology and Health (externally assessed unit). You will explore the organisation, structure and normal physiological functioning of the human body and the effect of common disorders.

Unit 3: Principles of Health and Social Care Practice (internally assessed) You will explore the principles that underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals, which are the foundation for all services within health and social care.

Optional units: You will study one of the following optional units (internally assessed);

Unit 4: Health, Policy and Wellbeing - Explores the link between public health and public health policies.

Unit 5: Promoting Health Education - Explores the purpose of health education, models and approaches to educating the public and encouraging behaviour change in the population.

Unit 6: Safe environments in Health and Social Care - Explore the importance of safe working practices.

Unit 7: Health Science - Understand the role of microbiology in the diagnosis and spread of disease.

Assessment:

Units 1 and 2 are externally assessed through written examinations which are both 1½ hours long. The external assessment carries a weighting of 50%. Unit 3 and an optional unit are assessed through internally-marked assignments and carry a combined weighting of 50%.

Why choose Health and Social Care:

Health and Social Care is a very broad subject area. It pulls together many different disciplines to help us understand people and their needs. It combines biology, sociology, psychology, nutrition, and ethics. If you want to pursue a career in Health and Social Care, you will be working in a sector that is dedicated to helping other people, and improving their lives. It is an incredibly rewarding and fulfilling career path. Employers and universities highly value the practical, real-world skills AAQ BTEC Nationals learners demonstrate. It will lay the foundations for your future career.

Skills and progression:

What kind of career can I go into? You will experience a challenging and incredibly rewarding career, where you can go home at the end of the day knowing you have made a real difference to someone's life. Here's a taste of the different careers a AAQ BTEC in the sector could lead to:

- Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant
- Dental Hygienist
- Social Worker
- Paramedic
- Nursery Nurse
- Healthcare Assistant
- Midwife
- Occupational Therapist
- Counsellor