

## Coombe Sixth Form BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care



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# Health and Social Care

## What does studying Health and Social Care involve?

The BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is intended as an applied general qualification. It is for post-16 learners who want to continue their education through applied learning and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment in the health and social care sector.

## What skills will I develop and where could studying this subject lead?

The qualification develops a deep common core of knowledge, understanding and skills in the sector through mandatory content. It allows learners to focus on a particular aspect of the sector through a selection of optional units, including a route that focuses specifically on health studies.

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with higher education to ensure it supports progression to higher study. Employers and professional bodies have also been involved in order to confirm that the content is also appropriate for those interested in working in the sector.

In addition to the knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin study of the health and social care sector, this qualification gives learners experience of the breadth and depth that will prepare them for further study in the sector. This includes the opportunity for learners to choose a health studies pathway with options reflecting the progression opportunities in health care.

## Assessment details

Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the qualification. It includes a range of assessment types and styles suited to vocational qualifications in the sector. 72% of the qualification is assessed internally through a variety of methods such as reports, presentations and practical assignments. 42% is externally assessed. Learners taking this qualification will study 13 units in total 8 of which are mandatory units.

Students will complete 3 examinations during this course.

The mandatory units are:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Work experience in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health

The qualification is equivalent in size to 3 A-levels.

## Other useful information

Students who gain BTEC qualifications will also earn UCAS points at the same time. Students completing the BTEC qualifications can apply for university places through UCAS - the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. Further information about UCAS can be obtained from their website [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

## Entry Requirements

4 A\* - C grades at GCSE with a minimum of a numerical grade 4 in English Language although a grade 5 is recommended. 1 equivalence to a GCSE subject is permissible.

