

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care. **(EDEXCEL)**

The qualification provides a broad basis of study for the Health and Social Care sector. The Extended Certificate is designed to support progression to Higher Education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A levels.

This is a two-year course, equivalent in size to one A level (360 Guided Learning Hours). The course consists of four units, two externally assessed units and two coursework units. All externally assessed units (2 units) and one of two coursework units are mandatory.

Entry Requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 4 and above

Mandatory Units

Unit number	Unit title	Method of assessment	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
1	Human Lifespan Development	External Exam	90
2	Working in Health and Social Care	External Exam	120
5	Meeting Individuals' Care and Support Needs	Internal Portfolio	90

Unit 1 - learners cover Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social development across the human lifespan, the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.

Unit 2 - learners explore what it is like to work in the Health and Social Care sectors, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.

Unit 5 - learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

ONE optional unit will be chosen from the following:

Unit Title	Method of assessment	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
Sociological perspectives	Internal	60
Psychological perspectives	Internal	60
Supporting individuals with additional needs	Internal	60
Physiological disorders and their care.	Internal	60

Career progression: The course is beneficial to those students who are considering a career in the Health or Social Care sector. For example, nursing, midwifery, social work and teaching. It also supports general entry requirements when applying for Higher Education.