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## Subject: Health and Social Care

### Level: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

#### Entry Requirements

At least five GCSEs including English and Maths at grade 5 or above (including vocational courses).

#### Who is the course for?

The health and care sector is vast, comprising the statutory, private and voluntary provision of care services. Within this field there is a diverse range of career opportunities for healthcare professionals. This course is aimed at those looking for employment in this sector, for example, nursing, medicine, early-years education, social services and elderly care to name but a few.

#### How will I learn?

Learning is a combination of group work, individual study, presentations involving theoretical and practical study. There will be guest speakers to help deliver and complement aspects of the course.

#### Further Education & Career Pathways:

Students may progress onto a Degree or other Higher Education qualification or employment in the Health and Social Care Sector.

#### Course Outline

This course covers a number of core subject areas including life stages and development of the human body, employment within the Health and Social Care sector, the different support needs that are required for different service users; optional units are wide ranging to suit many career aims and include the application of sociological approaches to health and social care, and explore social inequalities, demographic change, and patterns and trends in social groups.

## The AS – Year 1

The Certificate is made up of two mandatory units, one course work unit and one external examination. The units you will be studying are;

### **Core (mandatory units)**

- Human Lifespan Development (exam unit)
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (course work)

## The A2 – Year 2

The Extended Certificate is made up of the two units at AS level and a further two units at A2. The skills knowledge and understanding required for the second half of the course are more demanding, including higher level concepts and a requirement to draw together knowledge and skills from across the course.

The units you will be studying are;

### **Core (mandatory unit)**

- Working in Health and Social Care (exam unit)

### **Optional Unit;**

- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs (Course work)

The Exam Board for this qualification is Pearson.

## **Your teacher**

Further information is available from the Course Teachers.

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