

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

Full Time / Level 3 / Callywith College

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Why choose this course? ▾

Are you interested in working in a healthcare setting? A career in healthcare is challenging, rewarding, interesting and exciting, requiring you to have a variety of skills, knowledge and expertise to succeed. This course will provide you with a broad scientific base and an opportunity to study health care issues. It is also designed to prepare you to work in health-related careers in a professional capacity and provides the knowledge, skills and understanding required for working in a health environment or a progression route for Higher Education.



What will I learn? ▾

One of the great benefits of the Extended Diploma is the integration of theory and practice as you have the opportunity to apply what you have learnt at college to your work placements. The course aims to give you a varied learning experience and will be a combination of a student centred approach to learning, involving research for assignments, visits, guest speakers, lectures, group work and discussions.

This course will enable you to develop and apply knowledge and understanding of the core principles and policies in Health and Social Care to prepare you for work in this industry. You will also learn and develop your academic skills including essay writing and research.

The BTEC Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care is a two-year course which is equivalent to 3 A Levels. It is a full-time course which requires you to attend placement one day per week in the second year of study. The content of the course is separated into units of study as follows:

Year 1 - Units

Human Lifespan Development
Working in Health and Social Care
Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
Physiological Disorders
Psychological Perspectives

Year 2 - Units

Anatomy and Physiology
Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
Work Experience in Health and Social Care
Promoting Public Health
Microbiology for Health Science
Scientific Techniques for Health Science
Caring for Individuals with Dementia

Assessment Arrangements ▾

Your achievement in this subject is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will learn in a friendly atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods including: exams, written assignments, portfolio and project work and discussions.

Information & Support ▾

Throughout the course you would be required to complete at least 15 hours of independent study time per week. To support you in this you will have access to study materials online and will be provided with appropriate textbooks. An experienced team of lecturers, many of whom have worked in the health and social care profession, will support your learning. You will need to prepare to work hard independently, carry out in-depth research and use a variety of information sources.

Throughout the programme, lecturers and personal development tutors will actively encourage you to develop as individuals and provide ongoing pastoral and academic support. An important part of this course is work experience. You will have the opportunity to be placed in a variety of settings totalling a minimum of 100 hours which is a mandatory part of the course. Previous settings have included hospitals, residential homes for the elderly and day centres for clients with mental health problems or learning disabilities. Our dedicated Work Placement Officer will support you in finding a suitable placement that matches your interests and locality. Please note: A clear DBS certificate will be required in order to complete this course. The college will support you in applying for this and will cover the cost of this.

In order to progress onto a university course in Nursing, Midwifery or the Allied Health Professions, you will also need a Grade 4 in GCSE Science. It may be possible to do this alongside your course if necessary.

Where will it take me? ▾

Successful completion of the two-year course should allow entry into Higher Education, employment or training in the health or social care sector. Some possible careers are Nursing, which is accessible via a university degree or an apprenticeship, Paramedicine, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Youth Worker or Domiciliary Carer. Your tutor will support you in preparing for your next steps.

What will I need? ▾

You will need four GCSEs at grade 4 including a 4 in English (Lang or Lit.) and / or Maths.

Whilst it is possible to re-take GCSE English and Maths at Callywith College, students can only study one of these subjects alongside our Level 3 courses and therefore all students must have at least one grade 4 in English or Maths at the point of enrolment (other course specific entry requirements apply).

Additional Information ▾

Awarding Body:

Pearson

Further information

To obtain more information about this course, please call: 01208 224000 or visit www.callywith.ac.uk