

# BTEC First Diploma Health & Social Care

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## Introduction

The BTEC First Diploma is a Level 2 Course which is designed to provide specialist work related qualifications in Health and Social Care. The course focuses upon aspects of employment within the sector and provides you with a vocational emphasis on the chosen area that you have decided to study. This course has a compulsory work experience Unit and students will be expected to complete 60 hours of placement in addition to college study to gain this award.

This qualification may lead you directly into employment in the Health or Social Care field or onto the Applied A Level Course in Health and Social Care.

## General Information

**Entry Requirements:** Potential students need to have achieved at least one C and mostly Ds at GCSE level or passed the BTEC Introductory Diploma in Health and Social care qualification or equivalent.

**Structure of the Course:** You will study units, which will examine a wide range of contemporary issues relating to the field of health and social care. The stimulating and dynamic teaching and learning environment you are entering will equip you with the professional skills and knowledge you will need for your future career within the care sector, whether in the public or private health care sectors.

The subjects you will be studying include:

Vocational Experience in a Health and Social Care Setting (you will attend a placement)  
Cultural Diversity in Health and Social Care  
Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social care  
Human Lifespan Development  
Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care  
Health and Social Care Services  
The Impact of Diet on Health

**Methods of Assessment:** Your course will use a wide range of assessment methods including, projects, assignments, case studies and coursework. You will have the opportunity to collect evidence throughout course via these methods to form a portfolio, which will be used to determine your final grade of pass, merit or distinction. It is worth noting also that of the six units you will be studying only two are externally examined leaving four that are assessed through your coursework.

## Future Opportunities

This course is an excellent stepping-stone for your career as a care professional. Once you have successfully gained your BTEC First Diploma qualification you will have various options to choose from, some students may go straight into work others may wish to continue on more advanced programmes of study, for example BTEC National Certificate in Early Years or AS GCE Applied Health and Social Care. The vast majority of students leave college having successfully gained their A levels to start University courses or enter the world of work in various care settings.

## Additional points to note

If you have any further questions about the course please contact either Kirsty Ashworth (Head of Social Science) or Carl Gray (Course Leader in Health and Social Care). We would be happy to discuss issues or advise you further. Students will be required to complete a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) check in line with national guidelines before they can commence work experience or a work placement.