

## **BTEC Health and Social Care – Subject Information Sheet**

### **Why choose BTEC Health & Social Care?**

Health and social care is the treatment of ill health and medical conditions in hospitals, health centres and in the community. Social care is the care and support of vulnerable people, usually in the community. BTEC Health & Social Care Level 3 is a high-quality, career-focused qualification grounded in the real world of work. This means that learners develop and apply the knowledge, skills, and behaviours that employers and universities are looking for. Health and Social Care is a popular subject at Bishop Challoner with many students going on to study at Russell Group Universities across the country. If you are interested in caring and supporting those in need then this subject is for you, as it's all about helping others. Whether you are interested in becoming a Social Worker, Nurse practitioner, Paramedic or Psychologist there is one thing all these different careers have in common – they all provide a service! This course will prepare you for your future development giving you the knowledge and insight needed to complete this course effectively readying you for the world of work.

### **Educational Progression and Career Opportunities. What possible careers or degree subjects would BTEC Health & Social Care be useful for?**

#### **Here are some of the careers you can go into:**

Midwifery, Counselling, Adult or Child Nursing, Child Care, Paramedic science, Pharmaceuticals, Teaching, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Mental Health Practitioner

#### **Here are some popular degree choices after completing the Level 3 course:**

BSc Adult Nursing, BSc Midwifery, BSc General Nursing, BSc Psychology, BSc (Hons) Social Work

The Pearson 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. The qualification is equivalent in size to three A Levels.

Unit 1: Human Lifespan Development (90 minutes exam)

Unit 2: Working in Health and Social Care (90 minutes exam)

Unit 3: Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care (120 minutes exam)

Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care (120 minutes exam)

Unit 5: Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

Unit 6: Work Experience in Health and Social Care (100 hours work experience over three different placements)

Unit 7: Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care

Unit 8: Promoting Public Health

Unit 9: Infection Prevention and Control

Unit 10: Sociological Perspectives

Unit 11: Psychological Perspectives

Unit 14: Physiological Disorder and their Care

Unit 18: Assessing Children's Development Support Needs

### **Method of assessment**

**Students are assessed internally and externally through assignments and exams. There are eight Units of coursework (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 18) and four Units of exams (1, 2, 3 and 4).**

### **Want to find out more? Here are some useful websites and resources to use.**

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Careers-in-care/Job-roles/Job-roles-in-social-care.aspx>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/social-care>