

# **Health & Social Care**

## Introduction to the course

Cambridge Level 2 Technical in Health and Social Care is aimed at students who would like to work in any area of health, social care or early years.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma has the purpose of helping you to become occupationally ready to take up employment in the health & social care sector at the appropriate level, or to act as a stepping stone to Higher Education at university or college.

## **Entry criteria**

Level 2: You will require a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, across a range of subjects including English Language Level 3: You will require a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, across a range of subjects, one of which must be English Language\*

## **Assessment method**

Level 2: A variety of different assessment methods including; exams, leaflets, posters, role play, witness testimonies, observation by tutor, PowerPoint presentation and work books.

Level 3: Your qualification uses a combination of assessment styles to prepare you for success in the workplace including exams. They also will provide you with the study skills to continue learning on Higher Education courses. Assessments are set and marked by your tutors.



The Cambridge Level 2 Technical in Health and Social Care

#### Core Units covered:

- Working in a Person-Centred Way
- Safeguarding

#### Health and Social Care pathway:

- Working in Adult Health and Social Care Environments
- Working with Individuals in Adult Health and Social Care Environments

#### Early Years pathway:

- Working in Childcare Environments
- Working with Children in Childcare Environments

#### Externally marked units (examinations):

- Principles of Working in Health, Social Care and Childcare
- Health and Safety in Practice

## **Course duration**

Level 2: One year, full time Level 3: Two years, full time

## **Campus**

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\* Most universities require five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and maths, as well as a Level 3 qualification.

Students who successfully complete all elements of their programme are able to progress to a course at the next level, eg from a level 1 to a level 2 course.

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care is equivalent to three A Levels. This course will provide you with the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required for working in the health & social care sector. It will enable you to develop a substantial common core of knowledge in areas such as communication skills, equality and diversity, health and safety, human lifespan development and anatomy and physiology.

You will study 13 units in total. Eight of these units are mandatory and must be completed to achieve the qualification.

### The mandatory units are:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health

You will also be required to complete a minimum of 100 work experience hours as part of your course.

# **Progression opportunities**

Upon achievement of the Level 2 qualification, you can progress onto Level 3 Health & Social Care. There is also the opportunity for employment in the health & social care sector

The Level 3 qualification is recognised by higher education providers and is appropriate for those learners who wish to progress to a social care or health-related degree eg nursing, social work, health & social care. This course also provides opportunities to work in the health & social care sector eg care assistant, youth work or pharmacy.



# **Additional learning support**

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

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