

BTEC National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Edexcel) Level 3

In this course you will look at human growth and development through the different life stages. You will investigate physiological disorders and their effect on health. Every individual who requires care has specific individual needs. Unit 2 and 5 focus on the people that provide care to individuals and the specific care plans that are created to meet individual needs.

The BTEC course will provide you with skills and knowledge that will be valuable in a Health and Social Care profession or further study.

Year 12 Unit 1 – Human Lifespan and Development - External Examination

This unit will develop your knowledge and understanding of patterns of human growth and development. You will explore the key aspects of growth and development, and the experience of health and wellbeing. You will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health. Some of these are inherited and some are acquired through environmental, social or financial factors during our lifespan. You will learn about a number of theories and models to explain and interpret behaviour through the human lifespan. In this unit, you will explore the impact of both predictable and unpredictable life events, and recognise how they impact on individuals. You will study the interaction between the physical and psychological factors of the ageing process, and how this affects confidence and self-esteem, which in turn may determine how individuals will view their remaining years.

This unit contains 3 topics

- Learning Aim A – Human growth and development through the life stages
- Learning Aim B – Factors affecting human growth and development
- Learning Aim C – Effects of Ageing

Year 12 Unit 5 - Meeting individual Care and Support Needs – Internal Assessment

In this unit, you will learn about the values and principles of meeting care and support needs and look at some of the ethical issues that arise when personalising care. You will examine factors that can impact the professionals who provide the care and support, and the challenges that must be overcome to allow access to good quality care and health services. You will explore the different methods used by professionals across all care services. You will reflect on these methods when you consider the importance of multi-agency working in providing a package of care and support that meets all the needs of individuals.

This unit contains 4 topics

- Learning Aim A – Examine principles, values and skills which underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals
- Learning Aim B – Examine the ethical issues involved when providing care and support to meet individual needs
- Learning Aim C – Investigate the principles behind enabling individuals with care and support needs to overcome challenges
- Learning Aim D – Investigate the roles of professionals and how they work together to provide the care and support necessary to meet individual needs

Year 13 Unit 2 – Working in Health and Social Care – External Examination

This unit will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. You will begin by looking at the range of roles and general responsibilities of people who work in health and social care settings. You will learn about the organisations that provide services in this sector, and the different settings in which these services are delivered according to the needs of the service user. You will learn about the ways these services are provided and about the barriers that can prevent people from getting the services they need.

This unit contains 3 topics

- Learning Aim A – The roles and responsibilities of people who work in the health and social care sector
- Learning Aim B – Roles of organisations in the health and social care sector
- Learning Aim C – Working with people with specific needs in the health and social care sector

Year 13 Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their Care - Internal Assessment

In this unit, you will learn about the signs and symptoms of physiological disorders and how they are investigated and diagnosed. You will also learn about the different types of treatment and support available for individual service users, including surgery, rehabilitation and complementary therapies. You will create a treatment plan for a service user with a specific physiological disorder. This will help you understand the treatment and support strategies involved, the contributions of different professionals and the importance of providing individualised care.

This unit contains 4 topics

- Learning Aim A – Investigate the causes and effects of physiological disorders
- Learning Aim B – Examine the investigation and diagnosis of physiological disorders
- Learning Aim C – Examine treatment and support for service users with physiological disorders
- Learning Aim D – Develop a treatment plan for service users with physiological disorders to meet their needs