

EDEXCEL / 2 YEARS / SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA

HEALTH & SOCIAL SUB DIPLOMA

The BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care is a Level 3 qualification designed to provide a highly specialist work-related qualification in the health, social care and early years sectors. It gives students the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to prepare for higher education programmes, apprenticeships or employment.

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma has been developed in collaboration with employers and representatives from higher education and professional bodies to ensure students have the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes relevant to health and social care. Within this qualification, seven coursework units are studied over the two years and students are encouraged to undertake work experience within a health and social care setting. The Year 12 units of study are based around key themes within health and social care, for example, the development of effective communication skills, equality and diversity and health and safety. In Year 13, students will look at anatomy and physiology and consider how service users develop throughout the life stages. Additionally selected units are based around the themes of sociology and psychology. This qualification will prepare students for a career within a health and social care setting and for further study within this area.

TEACHING & LEARNING METHODS

Students will develop their critical thinking skills, resilience and interpersonal skills and learn how to research actively and independently and become an effective writer.

ASSESSMENT

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to one A-level and is internally assessed and externally verified through coursework. Qualifications are graded on a scale of Pass-Distinction* and are recognised by UCAS with a tariff of 56 points for a Distinction*, the same tariff as an A* for an A-level.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

The BTEC National Subsidiary Diploma in Health and Social Care works well with a wide range of subjects, since throughout this course students will learn a broad base of transferable skills. Those students who are interested in NHS pathways may wish to consider other science subjects such as Medical Science or Biology. Students interested in primary education may wish to consider a National Curriculum subject covered at primary level.

CAREERS/HE INFORMATION

This course provides a route for students who wish to take a vocational qualification alongside A-levels and is a route to higher education for careers such as social work, nursing, counselling, occupational therapy, nutrition, primary teaching and working in a nursery.