



Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)

Course Requirements

Sixth Form Entry Requirement

Syllabus

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Overview

The Health & Social Care AAQ is a Level 3 qualification equivalent to one A Level, designed to prepare students for careers in health, social care, early years, and community justice. It combines theoretical study through coursework and exams with practical work experience to develop skills like caring for individuals, mental health awareness, anatomy, and interpersonal skills. The course provides a strong foundation for higher education, such as nursing, midwifery, or social work degrees.

Structure What will I Study?

Human Lifespan and Development:

Factors affecting growth, different care interventions, and the various professionals involved.

Human Biology and Health:

Understanding the human body's structure, normal functioning, and the impact of common disorders.

Health and Social Care Practice:

Core principles, values, legislation, and the social determinants of health.

Promoting Health Education:

The purpose and use of different approaches and models to achieve positive health outcomes.

How will I Be Assessed?

Assessment is through a combination of both externally assessed exams (50%) and internally assessed work (50%). Students must complete three mandatory units and one optional unit.

Mandatory units – Externally assessed:

1. Human Lifespan and Development
2. Human Biology and Health
3. Principles of Health and Social Care Practice

Internally assessed Optional units – students complete one unit (to be chosen by the teacher):

4. Health, Policy and Wellbeing
5. Promoting Health Education
6. Safe Environments in Health and Social Care
7. Health Science