

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

Exam Board: Pearson

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 5 in English Language
- Grade 4 in Biology/Combined Sciences
- Merit or equivalent in GCSE Health and Social Care
- It is recommended that this qualification is taken alongside A levels in Psychology, Biology and English.

Course Information:

The Extended Certificate is for students who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in health and social care-related subjects. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes A Levels.

Students should **demonstrate:**

- knowledge of physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan; factors affecting human growth and development, prevalent health conditions and the roles and responsibilities of individuals working in health and social care which underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals (AO1)
- understanding of physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan; factors affecting human growth and development, prevalent health conditions and the roles and responsibilities of individuals working in health and social care which underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals (AO2)
- application of knowledge and understanding of physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan; factors affecting human growth and development, prevalent health conditions and the roles and responsibilities of individuals working in health and social care which underpin meeting the care and support needs of individuals (AO3)

Students should **analyse and evaluate:**

- how factors, health inequalities and prevalent health conditions interrelate to affect physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan; and how the roles and responsibilities of those working in health and social care meet the needs of individuals (AO4a)
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Assessment: 50% of the total qualification is made up of external assessment.

Mandatory units – students complete and achieve all units

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
1	Human Lifespan and Development	90	Mandatory	External
2	Human Biology and Health	90	Mandatory	External
3	Principles of Health and Social Care Practice	90	Mandatory	Internal

Unit 1 Human Lifespan and Development – PIES and factors affecting growth and development, interventions and the different professionals providing care and treatment. Externally Assessed through one examination of 80 marks; 1 hr 30 mins. Students will be assessed through multiple-choice, short- and long-answer questions.

Unit 2 Human Biology and Health - Human body structure and systems, normal physiological functioning and the impact of common disorders. Externally Assessed through one examination of 80 marks; 1 hr 30 mins. Students will be assessed through multiple-choice, short- and long-answer questions.

Unit 3 Health and Social Care Practice – Core principles, values and legislation that underpin and influence health and social care, and the effect of social determinants on an individual health status. Students will be internally assessed using a Pearson-Set Assignment. The PSAB will take 12 hours to complete and will be marked by centres and verified by Pearson. Within this unit, students will be assessed on underpinning knowledge, ideas and concepts from Units 1 and 2.

Optional units – students complete and achieve one unit

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
4	Health, Policy and Wellbeing	90	Optional	Internal
5	Promoting Health Education	90	Optional	Internal
6	Safe Environments in Health and Social Care	90	Optional	Internal
7	Health Science	90	Optional	Internal

The one optional unit will be decided by staff. Students will be internally assessed using Pearson-Set Assignments. The PSABs will take 12 hours to complete and will be marked by centres and verified by Pearson.

Skills Required:

- Independent learning
- A good level of written English
- An interest in the health and social care sector/people
- Analytical/critical thinking
- Awareness of current issues in the news

Future Opportunities:

This qualification can allow entry to degree programmes when taken with other A Levels. Popular pathways include **BSC Nursing; BSC Social Work; BSC Subjects Allied to Health**

Subject Enrichment:

- Visits by Health and Social Care professionals
- Reading/Viewing/Searching different sources relevant to Health and Social Care - Students are expected to keep up to date with current issues within the sector