

Health and Social Care

Level 3

Student Handbook

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BTEC Certificate Level 3

The course offers a broad basis of study for the health and social care sector.

The qualification is designed to support progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A-Levels.

How does the course work?

The qualification is made up of 4 units. You will study two units each year. 1 unit is an exam and marked externally and the second is a course work unit that will be marked internally with the final grade verified by another member of the teaching staff. Three of the units are compulsory with the fourth unit decided by the class' decision.

In year 1 you will study:

- Human Lifespan Development - exam
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs - coursework

In year 2 you will study:

- Working in Health and Social Care - exam
- To be decided by the class

You will be able to retake the exams to improve your grade if necessary.

At the beginning of each assignment you will be given an assignment brief. You should always be aware exactly what it is you need to do to get 'pass', 'merit' or 'distinction' level.

What are 'Pass', 'Merit' and Distinction?' These are the levels of grades that you can achieve on this course. These are achieved through successful exam results and completion of assignments by meeting the assessment criteria given on each task.

What do we expect from you?

- Attend all classes
- Show your commitment to the course and respect for those in the group by being punctual.
- Participate enthusiastically in lessons.
- Keep notes in an organised and labelled folder.
- Read assignment briefs carefully and ask questions if you do not understand what is required.

- Make sure you are prepared for each lesson.

- To complete the course within the time framework; failure to complete may result in not being permitted to complete the second year.

What can I expect from the teachers?

- Ensure you are aware of the requirements of the course and know how to achieve the criteria.
- Give you feedback and time if required.
- Return assignments with helpful feedback.

What is an assignment?

Assignments are projects that are written by your teachers. During each assignment you will be given an assignment brief which explains everything required for that piece of work. For each unit you will be given the opportunity to work towards a Pass, Merit or Distinction as each assignment provides tasks suited to your ability and need.

How are my marks tracked?

The grades that you receive for each assignment are related to the tasks and specific criteria on that assignment, they are not your final marks for the unit. Each teacher will keep an assessment grid on file to follow your progress.

How are all my marks added up when I have finished the course?

When you have finished each internally assessed unit you will be able to see what grade you have achieved. To insure that your work has been assessed fairly, Edexcel checks work from teachers on a random basis. Edexcel will confirm your final grade on completion of the course and linked to exam results.

