

BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

COURSE GUIDE 2019

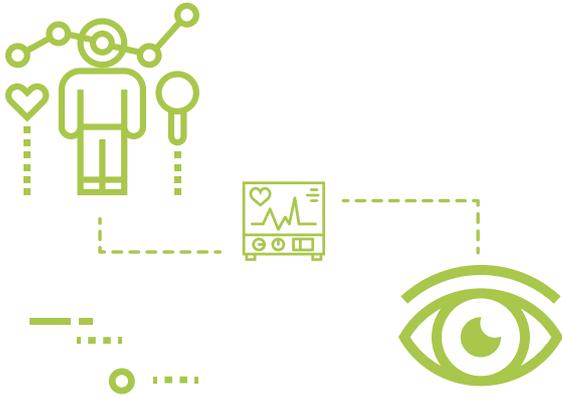


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doing your best today.

CARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

BTEC Level 3
Exam Board PEARSON



OUR STUDENTS SAY...

So far Carmel has been a great experience and this is due to the support I have received from the tutors and peers.

I have quickly made new friends that I never would have met if it wasn't for Carmel. The best thing about Carmel is the atmosphere which has been welcoming from the start. BTEC Health and Social Care is one subject I would definitely recommend to you because this subject opens up many doors in all health and social care sectors. I have been on a work placement at Whiston Hospital which is an opportunity I will never forget. I want to go to the University of Manchester once I have left and I will be taking the skills I have learnt from this course with me. I would like to go into the NHS after university and I feel like it is the right path for me due to the work experience I have already had in a hospital. If you are the person who is willing to work, then you are guaranteed to get the best results on this course with the help of Carmel College.

Jessica Maudsley St Cuthbert's
Studying - BTEC Health & Social Care (Double),
BTEC Applied Science



Why choose Health and Social Care?

If you are thinking of a career related to the Health & Social Care sector, including the justice sector, then BTEC Health and Social Care is ideal for you. **The BTEC National Diploma is equivalent to two A Levels and the National Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to one A Level.** These courses combine well with a wide range of A Level subjects.

BTEC National courses have an excellent reputation going back over 25 years as they provide progression to study at university or alternatively direct progression into apprenticeships and the workplace. Proof comes from YouGov research, which shows that 62% of large companies have recruited employees with BTEC qualifications. What's more, well over 100,000 BTEC students apply to UK universities every year and their BTEC Nationals are accepted by over 150 UK universities and higher education institutes for relevant degree programmes either on their own or in combination with A Levels.

Higher education needs students who have experience of research, extended writing and meeting deadlines. Employers are looking for recruits with a thorough grounding in the latest industry requirements and work-ready skills such as teamwork.

A key aspect of the course is work experience that gives you opportunity to experience three different settings and to apply your knowledge and understanding to real work scenarios. Many of the HE courses leading into Health & Social Care professions require you to provide evidence that you have relevant work experience. In addition to work experience you will develop the skills of reflection and action planning, which are used by practitioners throughout their working lives.



Trip to Heald Farm Court



OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I enjoy Carmel for many reasons, however for me the main reason has to be the freedom you get when coming here.

You are treated like an adult and respected well by teachers and students no matter what. Initially, I didn't choose BTEC Health and Social Care, however, I soon realised the previous course I had chosen wasn't right for me and I joined my BTEC Health and Social class a few weeks after the new term began, it was the best thing I did. I am the only boy in the class, which was daunting initially but from the offset I was welcomed into the group. Prospective students may think that BTEC Health and Social is a subject for girls but it's not that way at all. I love the fact that this subject is very varied, including subjects like Biology and Sociology, something I wasn't expecting prior to the course. During my time at Carmel I have taken part in work experience which has given me a real incite into a working environment and made me realise the options and potential for me once I leave Carmel. In the next few years, I hope to use the many skills I have gained to help me move onto the next chapter in life.

Josh Wareing St Augustine's
Studying - BTEC Health & Social Care (Double), History



Health and Social Care students in Liverpool

What will I study?

The course is made up of a series of units worth between 5 and 20 credits covering a variety of topics depending on the type of qualification that you choose to study including:

- Developing Effective Communication in Health & Social Care
- Equality & Diversity in Health & Social Care
- Health, Safety & Security in Health & Social Care
- Development through the Life Stages
- Sociological Perspectives for Health & Social Care
- Psychological Perspectives for Health & Social Care
- Personal & Professional Development in Health & Social Care (work experience related)
- Coping with Change in a Health & Social Care Context
- Physiological Disorders
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Research Methodology in Health and Social Care
- Vocational experience for Health and Social Care (work experience related)

How will I be assessed?

We encourage you to aim for Distinctions in each unit you study; with this in mind, all assignments incorporate all the criteria.

Work Experience

On your course you will undertake work experience. This is a good way to use and apply the knowledge and skills you have learnt in the classroom and see what work is really like. You could do anything from spending time with a childcare agency or primary school, to working with a health practitioner; perhaps an occupational therapist or nutritionist.



OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Carmel has given me so many opportunities both academically and personally. If it wasn't for Carmel and all of the help provided, I would not be as confident as I am at this moment when it comes to my studies.

Studying BTEC Health and Social Care has given me a deeper understanding of how all sectors of health and social care work. I have also been given the opportunity to complete work placements at Carmel as part of my course. I have worked at the St Helens YMCA and I am currently working in Legh Vale Primary School in year 1. Both of these placements have given me the opportunity to use new skills and knowledge in a working environment. Once I have completed my time at Carmel I hope to go to Edge Hill University to study Children's Nursing.

Chloe McCulley
Byrchall High School
Studying - BTEC Health & Social Care (Double),
GCSE Maths



Frequently Asked Questions

How successful are Carmel's Health and Social Care students?

We were delighted with our students' outstanding results. In 2018, 96% of students who completed the Diploma achieved Distinction* - Distinction grades and 100% achieved Distinction* - Merit grades.

What support will I receive?

Our Health and Social Care department is committed to supporting you as an individual and will help you to achieve your full potential. Teachers can help you to reflect on your achievement and guide you in the setting of targets to help improve your performance throughout the year. Support tutorials are provided on a one-to-one and small group basis and you will be given help with a range of study skills for example, organising your time, independent research, revision skills etc.

How do these qualifications provide transferable knowledge and skills for Higher Education?

These qualifications provide transferable knowledge and skills that prepare you for progression to university. The transferable skills that universities value include:

- The ability to learn independently
- The ability to research actively and methodically
- To be able to give presentations and be active group members
- Reading technical texts
- Effective writing
- Analytical skills
- Preparation for assessment methods used in degrees.

How do these qualifications provide employability skills?

There are opportunities in lessons to give you practice in developing employability skills in the following three main categories:

- Cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- Interpersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- Intrapersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

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