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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 / BTEC 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.

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 & Social Care
- Research Methodology in Health & Social Care
- Vocational experience for Health & Social Care (work experience related)

At Carmel I enjoy the coursework and the set tasks I am given. I like this subject because I want to have a career in social work in the future. I would recommend the course to other students because it is very interesting. We have weekly work experience placements and I have also been on a college trip to support the elderly in a community care home. The assignments and work experience will support me to develop caring skills and help with my university application.

Chelsea Swift
Hope Academy
Studying: BTEC Health & Social Care, BTEC Science
How will I be assessed?
There are no formal exams but you will be assessed on your performance against clear criteria throughout the coursework units that make up the course. Assessment of these units require you to complete a number of assignments. Evidence for these assignments can be presented in a variety of formats such as written reports, presentations, work placement records, witness statements etc.

To study this course successfully, it is important to have an interest in Health and Social Care and to be disciplined in the production of your coursework. You must be prepared to continue to work on your coursework outside of lesson time and to use your study periods efficiently.

We encourage you to aim for Distinctions in each unit you study. Work hard, enjoy the course and track your progress to success!

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.

I enjoy studying Health and Social Care at Carmel as I am guided with my coursework to ensure I can meet criteria and deadlines and that I achieve to the best of my ability. I have gained a lot of skills so far and I am much more independent than I was in high school and take responsibility for my own learning.

As part of my Diploma in Health and Social Care, I get to do work experience every Wednesday. This is a great chance to be able to experience real life Health and Social Care settings. So far, I have spent a few weeks in a Residential Home, working with the elderly, but also in a Nursery, working with babies and toddlers. This has helped me greatly as I have experienced what it is like working with a range of individuals, rather than just learning in the classroom.

I would definitely recommend Health and Social Care to other students who want to go into a career working with, or alongside, other people in the service sector. This is because it teaches you the skills that are needed to be successful and also provides work experience for you to put these skills into practice.

After Carmel I would like to go to university to study for a Criminology-based degree, which will help me to meet my goal of working in the Police.

Letitia Harris
Haydock High
Studying: BTEC Health & Social Care, Law, Criminology
How successful are Carmel’s Health and Social Care students?
We were delighted with our students’ outstanding results. In 2019, 90% of students who completed the Diploma achieved Distinction* - Distinction grades and 97% 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.

Emily Delahunty
Broughton Hall
Studying: BTEC Health and Social Care, History, English Language & Literature

From studying BTEC Health and Social Care at Carmel, I have developed my knowledge in a range of topics that are invaluable for a career in healthcare.

The topics involved range from anatomy and physiology to communication and equality & diversity. You therefore gain a vast amount of knowledge to apply to any health or social sector.

This subject has also given me immense self-confidence in my coursework and my independent coursework due to the support and guidance from tutors. Furthermore, the opportunity to take part in multiple work placements has provided me with hands-on skills and experiences that you can't learn in the classroom. I have worked in a pre-school nursery and in Alder Hey Children's Hospital within my first year which has led me to volunteer part-time. Once I have completed my courses at Carmel, I would like to study Child Nursing at John Moores University to pursue a career as a Paediatric Nurse.

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