



Health and Social Care (Edexcel)

Health and Social Care Level 3 award

This Applied course allows students to consider lifestyle choices and what impact these can have on health and well-being, as well as investigating different jobs in the care sector. If you would like a course which offers you opportunities to experience some of the workplaces that care for adults, young children, or those with special needs, then Health and Social Care is a great starting point! It's a very valuable course for those considering a career, or a course, in education, social work or health care.

Content and Assessment Human Lifespan Development – Written exam

In this unit you will learn about factors that can influence human growth, development and human health. Some of these are inherited and some are acquired through environmental, social or financial factors during our lifespan. You will examine a number of theories and models to explain behaviour through the human lifespan. You will also explore the impact of both predictable and unpredictable life events, and recognise how they impact on individuals. You will study the interaction between the physical and psychological factors of the ageing process, and how this affects confidence and self-esteem, which in turn may determine how individuals will view their remaining years.

Working in Health and Social Care (Written exam)

This unit will help you to understand what it is like to work in the health and social care sector. When working in this sector, you will have important responsibilities that you need to understand and carry out. These include maintaining the safety of and safeguarding individuals with health and social care needs, making sure that you properly handle their personal information and preventing discrimination towards them. You will need to understand how you will be accountable both to these individuals and the regulatory bodies that represent people who work in the health and social care sector.

Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs (Internally assessed)

This unit introduces the values and issues that need to be considered when planning care and support that meet the needs of an individual in a health and social care environment. You will examine factors that can impact the professionals who provide the care and support, and the challenges that must be overcome to allow access to good quality care and health services. There is also an additional unit looking at Psychological perspectives in the Health Care environment.

Teaching

The classes will involve a range of different teaching approaches. As one student says:-
“Health and Social Care is an enjoyable subject combining practical activities and theory work in a fun and fulfilling way. You always learn new things and there is a lot of common sense involved. The tutors supply the information in many different ways so you never get bored. By using both portfolio units and tests you can identify your strengths and weaknesses and receive the help and support you need to achieve a high grade”.

The Future

This course gives students a wide choice of progression options into further study, training, or relevant employment. Students who successfully complete this course have a wide range of options, including nursing, midwifery, and other health related professions. It also is a very useful course for people wishing to work in education, health related fitness sector, etc.



Independent Learning

Independent learning tasks in Health & Social Care

<p>1. Check the BBC News website for breaking news under the 'Health' tab once a week or fortnight. Print off stories and issues of Government Policy that link to specific areas of the course, read and annotate them, and add to your file at the relevant point.</p>	
<p>2. Review each lesson's notes and, using <u>both</u> <i>H&S Care</i> textbooks find key chapters, then add to the class notes you have made with relevant/interesting additional material. Answer the check your understanding sections for each chapter.</p>	
<p>3. Take a letter of the alphabet at a time and produce a key word glossary, check your own ability to be able to use each key word appropriately. Use the updated Bloodle Glossary and suggest any key concepts to be included.</p>	
<p>4. Regularly visit and browse the Health and Social care section at www.independent.co.uk. Read the articles, make comments, or print off and keep those which interest you. Create a section in your file for 'comment and opinion'.</p>	
<p>5. Go to the school library and research about your chosen diseases by checking in the journals such as The Nursing Times, Biological Sciences Review and New Scientist. Also regularly check the newspapers; The Guardian, The Times and The Telegraph. This is essential for gaining Mark band 3 in order to demonstrate a breadth of sources.</p>	
<p>6. Visit The Department of Health website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health to find out about current health care priorities. What are key health priorities in terms of funding and provision? Which health care users are the most vulnerable or at risk of developing particular diseases. What services are available and what do these services provide?</p>	
<p>7. Join our Health and Social Care Twitter page to keep up to date with current issues relating to the subject. Add us at - @BCOldhamHSC</p>	