



# Health and Social Care



Examination Board: OCR  
H103-H503

Syllabus Number:

## Why Study HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE A Level?

Health and Social Care will help you to develop your understanding of health and social care issues.

It is an A level that will introduce you to some of the skills and knowledge that you need to work in health and caring professions.

Work experience in a chosen setting is an integral part of this course.

## Entry Requirements

To study Health and Social Care you will need to have at least 5 GCSEs at grade C or above. If you do not have a C in Maths and English you would be expected to re-sit them. You do not need to have studied GCSE Health and Social Care.

## Higher Education

Health and Social Care is an extremely useful qualification for entry onto a wide variety of Higher Education courses. E.g. Degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy as well as social work, teaching. etc.

Alternatively you may just use it for the UCAS points and to broaden your knowledge.

## Careers

Health and Social Care gives a good grounding for any work that involves working with people. This qualification can lead to a very broad variety of employment. The course also helps students to develop good time management, independent learning and communication skills.

Many of the students have gone into nursing, occupational therapy and teaching and others have found employment as a dental nurse or in day nurseries.

## Course Content

This course includes the following units of work .

### YR 12 AS Level Units

1. Promoting quality care (Examination)
2. Communication in care settings.
3. Promoting good health

### Yr 13 A2 Level Units

1. Care practices and provision.
2. Social Trends (Examination)
3. Child development

## Assessment

A level Health and Social Care is divided into 3 units of work per year.

1 unit is tested by an externally marked examination

2 units are portfolios of evidence which are externally moderated.

All units carry equal weighting of 33% and contribute to a final grade.

### Why Study HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE Double Award?

The double award gives you the opportunity to gain two A Levels in Health and social care.

It is an ideal option for students who want to enter into a career in this area.

As an applied A level with high percentage of coursework (66%) it will suit students who prefer to do coursework rather than examinations.

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If you are taking the double A level award then you will need to take Health & Social Care in 2 option blocks. You will study the single course and an additional 6 units for the second A level.

### Course Content

#### Yr 12 AS Level Units

##### Single option

1. Promoting quality care (Examination)
2. Communication in care settings.
3. Promoting good health

##### Double Award

4. Caring for older people,
5. Health as a lifestyle choice
6. Working in Early Years and Education.

#### Yr 13 A2 Level Units

##### Single option

1. Care practices and provision.
2. Social Trends (Examination)
3. Child development

##### Double Award

4. Anatomy and physiology in practice.
5. Research methods in health and social care
6. Mental Health issues.

### Assessment

Double A level Health and Social Care has 6 units of work per year.

2 units are tested by an externally marked examination

4 units are portfolios of evidence which are externally moderated.

All units carry equal weighting 33% and contribute to the final grades for both A Levels e.g. B C.

# **BTEC First Diploma in Health and Social Care at Hayesfield.**

## **What is a BTEC First Diploma?**

A BTEC First Diploma is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

It introduces you to the employment area you have chosen and provides a good basis to go on to a more advanced work-related qualification.

A BTEC First Diploma is **equivalent to four GCSEs grades A\*– C** and is taken as a one year full-time course.

## **What are the entry requirements?**

This course is for students who studied a range of GCSEs and achieved grades D-G or wish to return to study and will be interviewed.

## **What is the course structure?**

The course is made up of six units – two core units and four specialist units. The specialist units enable you to study a particular area in more depth.

## **What subjects will I study?**

### **All students take the two core units:**

Communication and Individual Rights within the Health and Social Care Sectors  
Individual Needs within the Health and Social Care Sectors

### **You take four specialist units**

Vocational Experience in a Health or Social Care Setting \*

\* This unit includes 60 hours of mandatory work experience and is recommended

Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

Human Lifespan Development

The Impact of Diet on Health

## **How is the course assessed?**

All units are assessed internally through coursework, leading to a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

## **What can I do at the end of the course?**

With further training or study, students go careers such as nursing, social work, residential care management or other care related jobs.

A BTEC First Diploma prepares you for employment and provides a good grounding to go on to a more advanced course such as:

- BTEC National Diploma or Certificate in Care
- BTEC National Diploma or Certificate in Health Studies