

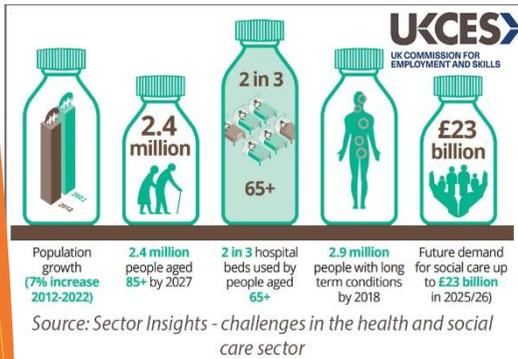


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## **Health and Social Care BTEC (Level 2) First Award EDEXCEL**

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## What is the course about?

This qualification provides students with an engaging introduction to the Health and Social Care sector. Students will explore key themes by researching the life stages and factors affecting the growth and development of individuals, and the role of care workers in promoting beneficial change in an individual's environment. They will also gain an understanding of the set of care values used within health and social care.

The qualification consists of two compulsory 'core' units making up 50% of the qualification, and a choice of two (from six) optional units. The core units provide the key underpinning knowledge and skills, while the optional units enable students to explore some of the breadth of the sector.

### What are the entry requirements?

An average overall GCSE grade of 3, based on best eight entries with at least two grade 4s.

### What sort of work will I be doing?

The course will consist of 2 core and 2 optional units, one of which is externally assessed via an exam. The other units are internally assessed coursework units.

#### Compulsory core units

Unit 1 'Human Lifespan Development' will explore a set of life skills from infancy to later adulthood. Students will identify how factors in a person's life, such as their level of income, can both affect and promote their life chances. This unit is externally assessed.

Unit 2 'Health and Social Care Values' enables the student to explore care values, such as confidentiality, dignity and respect, and to demonstrate how they could be used within health and social care. Students will also study the importance of meeting the needs of individual people. This unit is internally assessed.

#### Optional units

These optional units will enable students to explore the wider role of the care worker and apply their knowledge through a practical real world approach. Students are encouraged to apply their learnt skills to health and social care related scenarios to enable them to make relevant connections between theory and practice.



### What skills will I develop during this course?

Students will develop a range of transferable, technical, practical and study skills, which they will be required to apply in vocational contexts. These include written and oral communication, research and project management (providing an opportunity for them to work as part of a team and/or individually and plan effectively before undertaking a task), meeting assignment deadlines, building on Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills (including the development of creative skills), preparing and designing role plays/presentations (identifying the importance of showing understanding in a clear and effective way).



### What are the progression routes with this qualification?

The BTEC Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Care will provide a good introduction to the subject. Combined with other GCSEs and equivalent it provides access to Level 3 qualifications, for example the BTEC Level 3 National qualifications in Health and Social Care which, along with other Level 3 courses are an entry route to university or employment.

The BTEC Level 2 First Award in Health and Social Care is also a well-respected qualification in its own right, and is widely recognised by employers.