
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

What is the course about?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care is worth the equivalent of three 'A' levels with a maximum UCAS tariff of 168 points. There is the potential for this qualification to prepare you for employment in the Health and Social Care sector or for you to progress on to Higher Education. The course covers a broad range of subjects taught over 4 days and a further day is spent on work placement in a variety of health and social care settings. You may also be provided with the opportunity to complete both First Aid and Food Hygiene training. Whilst studying at the UCM, you will be encouraged to become involved in fundraising and enrichment activities.

What are the entry requirements?

All candidates are required to have 5 GCSE's at grade C or above, or equivalent, mathematics and English are a requirement and science would be advantageous. You will also be required to complete a successful interview. A DBS check and medical details will also be undertaken.

What subjects will I study?

There are thirteen units that you will study over the two year duration.

Eight Mandatory units

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health

Plus an additional five units

A selection of specialist units that may be offered as part of your qualification include studies in Sociological Perspectives, Psychological Perspectives, Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs, Physiological Disorders and their Care, Caring for Individuals with Dementia, Assessing Children's Development Support Needs and Nutritional Health.

How will I be assessed?

Four of the mandatory units are externally assessed by externally set examinations. The other nine units use a variety of assessment methods including; case studies, presentations, assignments and work based assessments, along with projects, performance observation and time constrained assessments. These assignments will form a portfolio of course work. Work Related Learning is built into the course and many aspects of the course assignments will be based on relevant experience gained on work placement.

What are my progression and career options?

There is potential for this qualification to prepare you for appropriate direct employment in the Health and Social Care sector or to progress onto Higher Education. Possible career opportunities include Health Care Assistants, Support workers, Police, Education Support Officers and with further study nursing, midwifery, social work, psychology and teaching.

Who should I contact?

For further information telephone the Programme Area Secretary on 648203