

BTEC Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

(Equivalent to 1 A level)

Why study Health & Social Care?

- The Extended Certificate qualification in Health & Social Care uses a combination of assessment styles to give students confidence that they can apply their knowledge to their studies. The skills developed support progression into higher education and a career in Health and Social Care.
- The range of vocational assessments - both practical and written - mean that students can showcase their learning and achievements to the best effect.



Why study Health & Social Care at Solihull Sixth Form College?

- Students will have the opportunity through vocational learning experience to interact with the health, social care and early years sectors.
- There will be opportunities to develop knowledge of Higher Education through a variety of organised activities.
- Learning and assessment takes a variety of formats from essay style assessments through to presentations of research. A variety of teaching methods and learning experiences will be used ranging from classroom-based activities through to visiting specialist speakers.
- Studying for the Certificate allows you to choose **two** of a wide range of A level subjects alongside to support your interests and career ambitions.

Case Study

Among the recent successful students to have studied Health & Social Care is **Emily Powell**.

She came to the College from Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst and studied BTEC Health & Social Care, as well as Criminology and Sociology. She achieved a Distinction* in her BTEC and A* and B grades in her other subjects. She has progressed to the University of Reading to study Primary Education at undergraduate level.



"I felt supported and encouraged by my teachers to ensure I kept to a high standard. Revision booklets were helpful in assisting my understanding in various topics and I enjoyed being introduced to new subjects I have not studied before."

- student Emily Powell



Course Outline

The units for the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care are as follows:

Unit 1 - Human Lifespan Development

Learners will cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the factors affecting development and effects of ageing.

Unit 2 - Working in Health & Social Care

Learners explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.

Unit 5 - Meeting Individual Care & Support Needs

Learners focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.

Unit 10 - Sociological Perspectives

Learners explore the role sociological perspectives have in the delivery of health and social care services and gain understanding of the demographics of our society.

Assessment

Equivalent in size to one A Level. 4 units are studied in total, of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are externally assessed.

Mandatory content (83%)

External assessment (58%)

Examining Board – Pearson.

Special Entry Requirements

Standard A level and A level equivalent entry requirements apply - www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements.

Prohibited Options

None.

What do our students go on to do?

This course is equivalent to 1 A level. On completion of this qualification you will be able to apply directly to University to enrol on courses to become nurses, paramedics, midwives, occupational therapists and social workers for example. Please note that for some of these careers, a GCSE grade 4 or above in Science is necessary.

Cost Implications

None.

Complementary Subjects or Enrichment Courses

Subjects such as Sociology, Psychology, Biology and English complement the type of study required on this course. Students are encouraged to take voluntary work experience as part of the enrichment programme.

Examination Results

In the past three years, there has been great success for students on this course:

Year	Entry	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Pass Rate
2019	23	23	0	0	0	100.0%
2020	21	20	1	0	0	100.0%
2021	29	26	3	0	0	100.0%

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