

# Health and Social Care at Invested Education



## Intent

Health and Social Care BTEC tech award is a career focused qualification that allows students to ground their learning in the real world of work. The award offers students an insight into real lives by using their own experiences as case studies. The course is skills based and is designed around practical components which allows students to develop and apply their knowledge of the different industries within Health and Social Care and apply skills that employers, colleges and universities are looking for.

The course also allows students to develop as empathetic young adults with strong communication and independent learning skills.

## Implementation

Students need a mature outlook as they are required to undertake in-depth research through one-one interviews. Students will then produce written reports based on their research's findings and be involved in performances to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of the industry.

The three components focus on the assessment of applied knowledge and practices. These are all essential to developing a basis for progression and therefore learners need to achieve all components in order to achieve the qualification. The components are interrelated and they are best seen as part of an integrated whole rather than as totally distinct study areas. Learners will normally take this qualification over a two-year period or longer. This means that they must be given the opportunity to build their confidence in understanding the sector, vocational contexts and vocational attributes over a long period during the course of study before they are assessed.

## Impact

Students will gain practical skills and knowledge allowing them to progress into the world of work or onto FE and HE in one of the various courses linked to a career in the Health and Social Care Industry.

Students will also develop key skills of empathy, communication, and independent learning.

## Qualifications

Pearson BTEC Level 1/ Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social is for learners who want to acquire sector-specific applied knowledge through vocational contexts by studying human life span development, health and social care services and values, health and wellbeing as part of their Key Stage Four learning.

The Tech Award gives learners the opportunity to develop applied knowledge in the following areas:

- the life stages and key characteristics in the physical, intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) development classifications and the different factors that can affect an individual's growth and development
- different life events and how individuals can adapt or be supported through changes caused by life events
- health and social care conditions, how they can be managed by the individual and the different health and social care services that are available
- the barriers and obstacles an individual may encounter and how these can be overcome
- the skills, attributes and values required to give care and how these benefit the individual
- how factors can affect an individual's current health and wellbeing
- how physiological indicators and an individual's lifestyle choices determine physical health
- the use of the person-centred approach
- recommendations and actions to improving health and wellbeing and the barriers or obstacles individuals may face when following recommendations and the support available to overcome.

This Tech Award complements the learning in GCSE programmes such as GCSE English. It will complement the more theoretical aspects covered by GCSE Biology or GCSE Psychology by allowing you to apply your knowledge in a vocational context.

## Life beyond Invested Education

Careers/Post 16 links:

- Level 3 Health and Social Care
- A Level in Psychology, Biology or Sociology
- Apprenticeships in adult care; health and social care; health care assistant; maternity and paediatric support HE degree in aspects of health or social care; early years; education