

Course title: BTEC L3 NQF National Diploma in Health & Social Care

Academic year:	2024
Course Venues:	To be confirmed
Course Type:	BTEC – National Diploma
Course Code:	12ESmNH1
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

The Diploma sits in Block D and Block E of the timetable. This course is aimed at students who wish to go into careers such as nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, radiography, social work, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other health and social care related occupations. The course is equivalent to one A Level for the Extended Certificate or two A Levels for the Diploma.

Course Content:

There are eight units to study:

- Unit 1 Human Lifespan Development
- Unit 2 Working in Health and Social Care
- Unit 4 Current Research Issues in Health & Social Care
- Unit 5 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Unit 8 Promoting Public Health
- Unit 7 Principles of Safe Practice in Health & Social Care
- Unit 19 Nutritional Health
- Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their Care

In addition to class work there are guest speakers, trips and practical activities. Please note that students will need to be DBS checked. The Partnership works with Royal Stoke University Hospital and Staffordshire University to provide placement opportunities at Stafford and Stoke Hospitals. Successful work placement experience will aid progression to employment and university.

Additional Information: BTEC suggest up to eight hours of independent study are required per week to support class work. Therefore, organization of work and time are fundamental to success. Students should enjoy working collaboratively with others to develop interpersonal and team work skills.

Entry requirements:

A 9-4 in at least five different subjects, with a grade 4 or above in English and mathematics and a grade 5 in the subject to be studied. Please note that most university courses require a 5 or above in math's and English as well as science.

Assessment:

Units 1, 2 and 4 are externally assessed. Units 5, 7, 8 and 14 are internally assessed. Year 1: one external exam and three internally assessed assignments. Year 2: Two external exams and three internally assessed assignments.

Financial Information:

It is highly recommended that a course text book and a course revision guide are purchased at a cost of approximately £40. Additional costs for trips and enrichment activities total no more than £30.

Future opportunities:

Students may progress to university where there are a wide range of courses leading to careers in health or social care. This course would not be a recommended route for child care, primary school teaching, dentistry, or medicine. Learners not wishing to go to university may choose to develop their practical skills by training in the workplace and could apply for a Health & Social Care apprenticeship, or progress to employment as a care worker. Learners wishing to progress to midwifery, paramedic science or physiotherapy should take a science A level alongside the BTEC, as required by most universities.

