

BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care



What is BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care?

This course gives you an expanded insight into the health and social care sector- from the people who use these services to the people who work and run them. You will be exposed to a part of social life you may never have had the opportunity to explore before.

The skills you will develop:

- Cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- Intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- Interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

There are also specific requirements in some units for assessment of these skills where relevant, for example, where learners are required to undertake real or simulated activities.

What will I study in Health and Social Care?

- **Human lifespan development (exam unit):** students cover physical, intellectual, emotional and social development across the human lifespan, and the factors affecting development and the effects of ageing.
- **Working in health and social care (exam unit):** students explore what it is like to work in the health and social care sector, including the roles and responsibilities of workers and organisations.
- **Meeting individual care and support needs (coursework unit):** students focus on the principles and practicalities that underpin meeting individuals' care and support needs, which are the foundation of all the care disciplines.
- **Sociological perspectives (coursework unit):** students will gain an understanding of the different sociological perspectives that explain human behaviour and how they can be applied to the health care setting

How will I be assessed?

Overall the qualification is split between two exams (unit 1 and unit 2) and two pieces of coursework (unit 5 and unit 12).

The exams are worth approximately 60% of the qualification and the coursework is worth the remaining 40%.

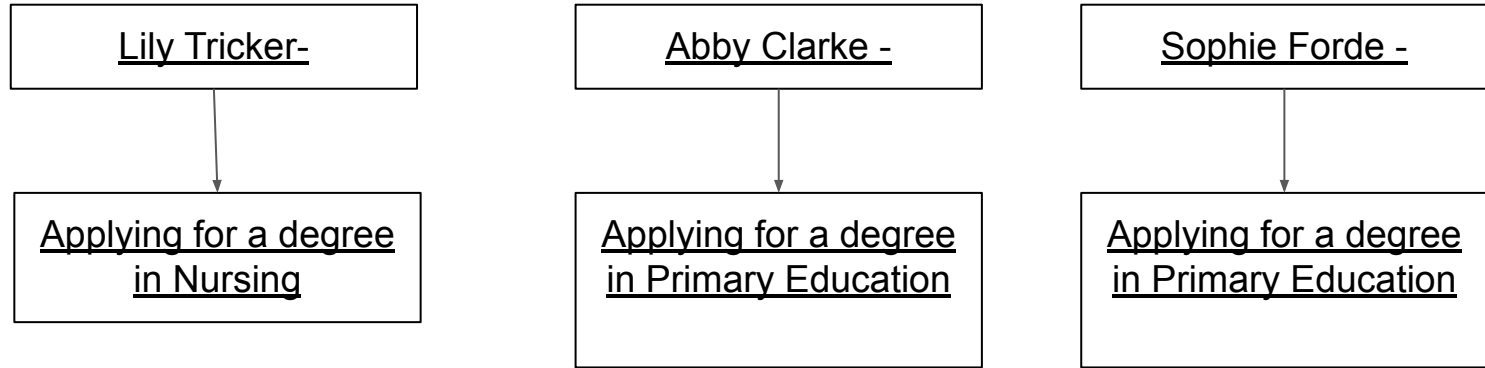
Why study Health and Social Care at Level 3?

This course opens many pathways for your future career. You could progress to university or an apprenticeship, leading to many careers such as: nursing, teaching, social work, occupational therapy, psychologist and many more. It is flexible and can be combined with A-levels or other BTECs to lead to your desired post-18 route. These are just a few examples:

- A-levels in Biology and Psychology, which could lead to a BSc (Hons) in Nursing.
- A-levels in English and History, which could lead to a BA (Hons) in Primary Education.
- BTEC National Extended Certificates in Sport and Travel & Tourism, which could lead to a Degree in Sports Studies and Development.



Success Stories



Placement opportunities:

Many of the students over the course have secured work placements that have given them a real life insight to the field of health and social care and the opportunity to put the skills learnt in the classroom into practice

Health care mentor
Virtual NHS shadowing
Children's play worker
Shadowing of a learning disability mentor
Placement in a primary school