HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Applied General Qualification (BTEC Level 3)

Subject Overview

This course prepares students to enter a variety of courses in Health and Social Care and related subjects.

Pupils will cover a range of Health and Social Care issues and apply these to the care sector whose contexts include: health, early-years care and education, social care and are to take account of the integration of services. The term 'care sector' includes all the contexts specified.

The aims of the course are designed to allow pupils to:

- *Develop and sustain an interest in health, early-years care and education, social care and issues affecting the care sector*
- *Acquire knowledge and understanding of health, early-years care and education and issues affecting the health and social care sector*
- *Develop skills that will enable them to make an effective contribution to the care sector including skills of research, evaluation and problem-solving in a work related context*
- *Apply knowledge, understanding and skills*
- *Prepare for further study and training.*

AS: Content:

Coursework 1: Communication in care settings: indentifies how communication is used in care settings and the impact of effective communication on service users.

Coursework 2: Promoting good health: develops pupils understanding of good health and how it is promoted through health care professionals and reasons why it is so important.

Exam: Promoting quality of care. How individuals are protected by law and how the values of care are used to ensure good quality care.

A2: Content:

Coursework 1: Care practice and provision: Identifies demographics and how these influence the planning and delivery of health services.

Coursework 2: Mental health: Develops an understanding of the Mental Health Act and how mental health is represented in society.

Exam: Understanding Human behaviour: How human behaviour is influenced by environmental, genetic and social and Psychological factors.

Exam Board Specification:

OCR Applied Health and Social Care

AS	2 pieces of coursework at 33% and 1 exam 33%
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Progression

Employers and Higher Education Institutions value Health and Social Care.

Potential university courses:
Health Studies, Social Policy, Managing Health and social Care Services, Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational therapy, Radiography, Social Work, Paramedics and Teaching, Mental Health nursing.

Health and social care as an A'level complements Biology, Sociology and Psychology.

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE grade Cs or above including a C in English and Maths and a C in a Humanities subject.

What the students say

'I have really enjoyed studying Health and Social Care. I'm interested in mental health nursing and this course works really well with Psychology. I have developed an understanding of how psychological factors can have a major influence on how people behave and I was fascinated by the Mental Health Act and how it has developed over time and the range of factors that can contribute to mental health issues. This course is excellent if you want to know more about how the care profession works and how they deal with complex issues such as mental health.