

Healthcare Professions Support for England HTQ Higher National Diploma

Course Overview

The purpose of Pearson BTEC Higher Nationals is to develop students as independent-thinking professionals who can meet the demands of employers and adapt to a constantly changing world. The qualifications aim to widen access to higher education and improve the career prospects of those who take them. The course Equip students with the healthcare practice skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to achieve high performance in the global health and social care environment. It provides education and training for a range of careers in healthcare, including healthcare assistant practitioner roles in a range of settings such as nursing assistant roles, care navigation, planning, and assessment. There is insight and understanding into the diversity of roles within the healthcare sector, recognising the importance of collaboration at all levels. The course equips students with knowledge and understanding of culturally diverse organisations, cross-cultural issues, diversity and values, and provides opportunities for students to enter or progress in employment in healthcare, or progress to higher education qualifications such as a pre-registration degree in one of the allied health professions or nursing. There are opportunities for students to develop the skills, techniques and personal attributes that are desirable for working in health and social care. Students will have opportunities to address contemporary health and care issues facing the sector, and society at large, with particular emphasis on integrated and compassionate care, and person-centred and personal approaches to providing healthcare to individuals across their lifespan. you will complete for level 4 at least 225 hours of work experience/placement in a healthcare setting. For level 5 you will complete at least 450 hours of work experience/placement in a healthcare setting

What you will learn

The Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Healthcare Professions' Support for England offers students a broad introduction to the subject area via a mandatory core of learning. This effectively builds underpinning core skills while preparing the student for subject specialisation at Level 5. Students will gain a wide range of sector knowledge tied to practical skills gained in evidence-based practice, personal research, self-study, directed study and workplace learning and experience. At Level 4, students develop a broad knowledge and awareness of key aspects of the healthcare sector through seven core units, which include one unit assessed by a Pearson-set assignment.

The Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Healthcare Professions' Support for England is designed to support progression into relevant occupational areas or on to pre-registration study. The Level 5 Higher National Diploma offers one optional unit for students who wish to concentrate on a particular aspect of healthcare practice as well as core units. Holders of the Level 5 Higher National Diploma will have developed a sound understanding of the principles in their field of study and will have learned to apply those principles more widely. They will have learned to evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems. They will be able to perform effectively in their chosen field and will have the qualities necessary for employment in situations requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making.

Entry Requirements

- BTEC Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care (or related subject) - 5 GCSE's including maths and English at grade 4 and above - Other related Level 3 qualifications - An Access to Higher Education Diploma awarded by an approved further education institution - Related work experience - An international equivalent of the above - An up to date DBS is required

Course Progression

The Level 4 Higher National Certificate provides a solid grounding, which students can build on if they decide to continue their studies. The Level 5 Higher National Diploma allows students to specialise by committing to specific career paths and progression routes to degree-level study. Once students have achieved the Level 5 Higher National Diploma, they can develop their careers in healthcare by:

- Entering employment
- Continuing existing employment
- Becoming a member of the appropriate professional body
- Committing to continuing professional development
- Going to university.

Progression to university

The Level 5 Higher National Diploma is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant health and social care-related courses, for example:

- BA/BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Care
- BA/BSc (Hons) in Health Studies
- BSc (Hons) in Adult Nursing

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website application system. You will need details of your qualifications, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited into interview.

Course Details

Course Code	P00717
Start Date	21/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	2 years
Campus	Abbey Park Campus
Level	5

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