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Health and Social Care BTEC Extended Diploma level 3

Course Overview

This two-year, full-time programme dives deep into the health and social care sector. It's perfect for students eager to make a difference. The course gives you the knowledge, skills, and hands-on experience to succeed in various care professions.

 During your studies, you'll finish 100 hours of practical work placement over two years. This lets you apply what you learn in real-world settings that match your career goals, whether in nursing, social work, midwifery, or another care area.

 This qualification is equal to three A Levels. It opens doors to university degrees in health and social care, higher apprenticeships, or direct entry into the workforce. You'll create a solid foundation for a rewarding career in this essential and fulfilling field.

What you will learn

In the first year, you will study topics like human lifespan development, working in healthcare, anatomy, and physiology. You'll look at the needs of service users and how you can support them professionally.

 You will also complete 50 hours of placement this year. All of work you learn in year one will help support you in your second year studies.

In year two, you will continue exploring the needs of the individual in a variety of settings with complex needs. Units such as mental health and wellbeing, supporting those with individual needs, and working with individuals with dementia is an example of the units you will study.

 You will complete at least 50 hours of placement during this year.

Entry Requirements

Direct entry requires five GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above, including English Language.

 Students progressing onto this course need to have successfully completed a level 2 Health and Social Care with an overall grade B (or equivalent) and at least 85% attendance to move on to the level 3 course.

Course Fees

There is a £30 material fee.

 This fee is waived if you get the college's learner support fund. Apply for this support after you apply to the college, but before your course starts.

Course Progession

This course offers several options for your next steps. After completing the qualification, you can focus on specific jobs. These include domiciliary care, care support worker, or care home advocate, among others.

 You can also choose to pursue a national apprenticeship in health and social care or a degree in that field.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website. You will need details of your qualifications to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to an interview at the College to meet key staff, learn more about your chosen course of study, and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code P00148

Start Date 06/09/2027

Study Hours Full Time

Duration 2 years

Campus Abbey Park Campus

Level 3

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