

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

## Course Summary

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Either a Merit in BTEC Health and Social Care (if studied) or a grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The AAQ programme gives students a broad foundation in health and social care, combining exams with internally assessed units. It suits those who find exams hard or prefer coursework, complements A-levels, and supports progression to higher education, apprenticeships, or employment in the care sector.

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

This subject is ideal for those passionate about helping others. It equips you with the knowledge, skills, and real-world experience needed for careers in nursing, social work and psychology. If you want to make a difference in people's lives and pursue a rewarding career in care, this course is for you.

### WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

The BTEC AAQ supports progression to many university degrees, including Nursing and Midwifery, Health and Social Care, Psychology or Sociology, Occupational Therapy, Public Health or Healthcare Science, and Social Work and Youth Studies. It carries UCAS points equivalent to one A-Level and is fully recognised by higher education providers.

### WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

A BTEC in Health and Social Care can lead to careers in healthcare, social services, and community support. Roles include nurse, social worker, care assistant, occupational therapist, and teaching and support worker.

### COURSE SPECIFICATION

#### EXAM BOARD: PEARSONS

| Paper | Content                                       | Duration   | GLH |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|-----|
| 1     | Human Lifespan and Development - 80 marks     | 90 mins    | 90  |
| 2     | Human Health and Biology - 80 marks           | 90 mins    | 90  |
| 3     | Principles of Health and Social Care Practice | Coursework | 90  |
| 6     | Safe Environments in Health and Social Care   | Coursework | 90  |