

Course Title	BTEC National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Health Studies)
Level	Level 3
About the Course	The 2 year course consists of units of mandatory study, including one double unit, plus six further units. It focuses on a range of areas within the subject of health and social care to prepare you for a career or further study at a higher level. Examples of the topic areas are: communication; nutrition; anatomy and physiology; public health, physiological disorders, caring for older people and communicable diseases. You will also spend 1 day each week with practitioners in the community to develop your practical skills in this subject. All units must be successfully achieved in order to gain this qualification. Group work, taught sessions, independent study and wider reading are integral features of this course.
Progression Routes	This course is equivalent to 3 A levels. On completion of this qualification, you will be qualified to work in entry level health and social care roles as care workers or support workers. Alternatively you will be able to apply directly to Universities of your choice to enrol on courses to become nurses, physiotherapists, paramedics, radiographers, dieticians, podiatrists, midwives, primary school teachers, social workers or a range of other career pathways associated with this subject area. No other A levels can be combined with this course.
Method of Assessment	Each of the units will be assessed by 3 or 4 pieces of course work. The coursework will be handed in as each unit progresses. There will be an expectation to combine theory with practice. There are no examinations.