

# BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## Is This Course For Me?

A one-year vocational care course at Level 2. This full-time course will help students to develop knowledge, skills and personal qualities needed to work in a care setting. You may be able to progress onto further courses. You will have support from a personal tutor and learning support if necessary. Work placement experience is a vital part of the course and classroom work will be closely linked to practical experience. You will also achieve the NVQ 2 IN Health and Social Care which is a qualification to practice.

## What Are The Entry Requirements?

- Four GCSEs at grade D, one of which should be English  
**OR**
- BTEC Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care at Merit grade with Level 1 Key Skills in communications  
**OR**
- Mature applicants with relevant experience but without formal qualifications are encouraged to apply  
**AND**
- Two positive references
- A satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check is required

	<b>1 year, full-time</b>
	<b>Level 2 course</b>
	<b>Apply Direct</b>
	<b>Interview</b>
	<b>Work Placements</b>
	<b>Diploma</b>

## What Will I Be Doing?

The BTEC First Diploma in Health & Social Care is a specialist work related qualification and you will be learning to understand human growth and development through the life stages, exploring cultural diversity, developing effective communication skills and exploring the impact of diet on people's health. You will also study skills for life in IT, communication and numeracy and achieve NVQ 2 in Health and Social Care.

## What Next?

Successful students could progress onto a variety of courses, for instance the BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care, the CACHE Diploma in Childcare & Education, or go directly into employment in the care sector.

## Special Features

- This course involves two work placements in different settings, depending on interest and location of learners. Many assignment tasks are firmly based on this experience.
- There is excellent tutorial support and access to additional support according to your individual requirements
- We are constantly developing new resources to encourage active ways of learning
- We are keen for learners on this programme to achieve the NVQ 2 qualification as this is required by many employers.

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## Course Content

You will have two core units:

- Communication and Individual Rights Within the Health and Social Care Sectors
- Individual Needs Within the Health and Social Care Sectors

Four specialist units:

- The impact of Diet on Health
- Creative Activities
- Work Placement in Health and Social Care Settings
- Human Lifespan Development

## How Is It Assessed?

All units are assessed by coursework. You will be involved in practical activities and much of the teaching will be firmly based on the placement experience.

## Key Skills/ GCSE Re-takes

You will be able to re-take Maths and English or develop Key Skills that are highly valued by employers including:

- Application of Number
- Communication
- IT

Key Skills are assessed by a test and short file of evidence

## Study Style

During the course, tutors will use a range of teaching methods and will try to adapt them to your preferred learning style. You will be involved in group discussions, research, group work, role-plays and simulations.

## Increased Flexibility Project

Learners who have participated in this pre-16 programme at Loughborough College through their school will have their experience and qualifications gained taken into account when applying for these courses.

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