

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This vocational course, equivalent to three A-Levels, offers a mix of study and work-based experience which allows you to try out different health and social care placements to explore your future career options. You will focus on areas including psychology, anatomy and physiology, communication, safeguarding children and adults, complementary therapies and public health. The skills and values needed in the sector are embedded throughout this course.

During the course you will spend four days at College and one day a week on a work placement. Recent placements have included residential units for people with learning disabilities, schools (including special schools), charities, Riding for the Disabled, hospitals, pharmacies, youth work and dental surgeries.

This practical, work-related course is demanding in terms of the coursework required from you. Good organisational skills and the ability to meet deadlines are vitally important to be successful. You will be assessed continuously through case studies, work placement activities, projects and assignments.

WHAT NEXT?

This course is an accepted qualification for entry into professional training or university, with students going on to study subjects including nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, paramedic science, social work, nutrition and teaching at universities such as East Anglia, Kings College London, Cardiff, Southampton and Exeter. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into related employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework 55%, Exams 45%

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements, plus grade 4 in GCSE Science.

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

COSTS

Textbooks £50, placement shirt £25, DBS check (currently £56) and travel to placements.