

## Statement of Purpose

### **601/0720/0 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Exploring the Caring Sectors (QCF)**

#### **Who is this qualification for?**

This qualification is a Technical Award broadly equivalent in size to one GCSE, and is designed for pre-16 students working at level 1 who want to include a study of care in their broader Key Stage 4 curriculum. It provides an introduction to some of the key themes within the caring sector, enabling students to develop and apply their knowledge while also acquiring a range of relevant practical, communication and technical skills.

#### **What will the student study as part of this qualification?**

This qualification provides an engaging and relevant introduction to the world of care. The care sector covers a wide range of activities, and so the choice of units available enables the precise nature of the qualification to be tailored to meet the interests and progression aspirations of individual groups of students. Students must complete an introduction to the caring sectors, and can then learn about the basics of health, social care and childcare, including communication, healthy eating, and creative and physical activities. There are also opportunities to understand more about what it means to work as part of a team, to run an enterprise activity and to plan career progression.

#### **What knowledge and skills will the student develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?**

By developing the sector knowledge and skills outlined above, students will be well prepared for progression to a level 2 academic or vocational course in health and social care or child care.

The portfolio-based approach to assessment will also support the development of communication skills such as extended writing and drafting, critical skills of analysis, team-working, working from a prescribed brief, working to deadlines, presenting information effectively, accurately completing tasks and processes and study skills such as research and time management. These skills will help support progression to level 2 and any future chosen course.

#### **Which subjects will complement this course?**

This qualification is designed to be taken as part of a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 4. It will go particularly well alongside GCSEs in EBacc subjects (including biology), GCSEs in PE or drama, or other Technical Awards (e.g. BTEC IT users) to provide both curriculum breadth and the skills needed to make informed choices about study post-16.

#### **Why choose the Certificate sized qualification?**

Pearson offers Certificates, Extended Certificates and Diplomas in the Caring sector at level 1. The range of sizes is designed to meet the needs and interests of students; some may need an introduction to the sector through a Certificate sized qualification while others who have already developed an interest in the vocational area should choose the Extended Certificate or Diploma. These larger qualifications will enable them to develop a broader understanding of the sector while acquiring a range of relevant practical skills at this level.

The Certificate is appropriate in size to provide an introduction to the sector and allow the student to also study a broad KS4 curriculum.