

Statement of Purpose

500/5487/9 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Health and Social Care (QCF)

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for learners over the age of 14 working at level 1 and provides an introduction to Health and Social Care. Learners are able to choose units from a variety of sector specific subjects that will help inform future progression choices. The main purpose of this qualification is to aid progression to the next level, but in addition, the nature and structure of the qualification will also appeal to those who may need to re-engage with learning.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

This qualification provides an engaging and relevant introduction to vocational learning, allowing learners to choose units such as; health needs, creative activities for children, rights and responsibilities, promoting healthy eating and job opportunities. 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 learners. There is an opportunity through the choice of units for learners to develop their research or employability skills alongside their vocational learning.

What knowledge and skills will the learner 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, learners will be well prepared for progression to a level 2 care related qualification.

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.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification and is not available as part of an apprenticeship.

What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support progression to the next level of learning by introducing the learner to a broad range of subjects and developing the skills necessary to succeed in further study. In addition the practical nature of the qualification will suit learners who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work. The choice of units will reflect each individual learner's needs.

Why choose the Award sized qualification?

Pearson offers the Award, Certificate and Diploma sized qualifications at level 1. The varying sizes and appropriateness for learners will depend on individual need as well as the learning programme design. For some learners it will be appropriate for their learning programme to consist of a majority of vocational hours, whilst for others it may be more appropriate to be concentrating on English and Mathematics or personal and employability skills.

The Award will appeal to students who wish to gain a basic understanding of the Health and Social Care sector by choosing optional units that suit their interests and needs. The award is suitable for students who may have some previous knowledge or experience in working in care, looking after siblings or other family members and require some skills or knowledge up-dating.

Students who need to explore a broader retail related learning programme should consider the range of certificate or diploma sized qualifications available.

The Level 1 Award can be taken as part of a broader programme of study that includes related and complimentary disciplines such as Child care, Technology or Science.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Accrington and Rossendale College
- Barking and Dagenham College
- North Hertfordshire College

Further Information

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1/health-and-social-care-l1.html>