

Statement of Purpose

500/5458/2 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social Care

Who is this qualification for?

This level 1 qualification is aimed at students over the age of 14 working at this level who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to progress to further study and ultimately to employment in the health and social care or a related sector. It provides an introduction to the sector, enabling students to make informed future progression choices while developing and applying their knowledge and acquiring a range of relevant practical, communication and personal development skills.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

All the content of the qualification, relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to support students in progressing to further study in the health and social care sector. Students can choose from a broad range of optional units providing an introduction to the service provision within health and social care for adults, children and young people, an understanding of the range of roles available, and the importance of understanding the principles, values, and care needs of individuals within health and social care.

There is an opportunity through the choice of units for students to develop their research or employability skills alongside their vocational learning.

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 health and social 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 students' progression to the next level of learning by developing their knowledge and skills in health and social care which will support further study. In addition the practical nature of the qualification will suit students who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work.

What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?

Students who complete this qualification may progress to level 2 Health and Social Care qualifications or use their acquired transferable skills to progress to other vocational related sectors such as childcare or other customer facing sectors.

Why choose the Certificate sized qualification?

The BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social Care provides a broad coverage of the sector at this level and is appropriate for students who have a definite interest in working in the sector following further study. By studying the certificate, students will secure a foundation of knowledge and skills in preparation for higher level learning.

Pearson offers both the Award and Diploma sized qualifications in Health and Social Care for students who wish to study less or more content according to their learning needs and the make-up of their wider learning programme, the Award for example provides a brief introduction to the sector, whereas the Diploma provides more in-depth opportunities to explore the sector.

Pearson offers an alternative range of qualifications for students wishing to enter directly employment at this level. These qualifications offer more specialist work-related content that may lead to specific job roles:

600/2433/1 Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)

600/2418/5 Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)

600/2419/7 Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)

Further information on the above qualifications can be found on the Pearson website
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1.html>

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Lesoco
- South Cheshire College
- Accrington and Rossendale College

Further Information

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