

Statement of Purpose

500/5601/3 – Pearson BTEC Entry Level Award in Health and Social Care (Entry 3) (QCF)

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for learners over the age of 14 working at entry level 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 1 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 1 and any future chosen course.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is an entry level qualification that is not part of an apprenticeship, although supports progression to future apprenticeship study.

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 only offers the Award sized qualifications at entry level.

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.

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.

What can this qualification lead to?

The entry 3 award may support progression to level 1 qualifications in Health and Social care or childcare such as:

Pearson Award/Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care
Pearson Award /Certificate/ Diploma in Caring for Children

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Barking and Dagenham College
- West Herts College
- Canterbury College

Further Information

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1/health-and-social-care-entry-level-3.html>