

Statement of Purpose

600/2418/5 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in introduction to Health, Social Care and Young People’s Settings (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, Social Care and young people’s settings. The main purpose of this qualification is to provide students with the knowledge and understanding to progress onto further learning in the sector. The nature and structure of the qualification will also appeal to those who may need to re-engage with learning.

For Adult learners, this qualification can extend knowledge and understanding of work in Health and Social Care. It is suitable for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment.

What will the learner study as part of this qualification?

The level 1 Award is 10 credits in size. The content provides an engaging and relevant introduction to the sector, through the study of 2 mandatory units and the choice from 7 optional units. Students will develop an awareness of Care and the values and principles which underpin this sector. Students will also develop their understanding of the skills and attitudes necessary to work in this sector, job roles and responsibilities, and how to communicate effectively.

The optional units provide students with the opportunity to specialise in such areas as dementia, mental health and autism.

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.

100 per cent of the qualification focusses on developing the knowledge and understanding of Care. This is a knowledge-based qualification, designed to support progression to further learning in the sector.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification that is not available in an apprenticeship, although it can support progression towards 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 student to a range of relevant vocational and work related topic areas. 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.

What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?

Students who complete this qualification may progress to level 2 Health and Social Care qualifications such as:

Pearson Level 2 Award in Preparing to work in Adult Social Care
Pearson BTEC Level1/Level 2 First Award, Certificate, extended Certificate or diploma in Health and Social Care, or use their acquired transferable skills to progress to other vocational related sectors such as childcare or other customer facing sectors.

Some students may be able to secure voluntary and paid work as a result of taking this qualification.

Why choose the Award sized qualification?

Pearson offers both the Award and Certificate sized qualifications in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings

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.

Pearson offers a range of similar qualifications for students wishing to study a broader care related learning programme, students should therefore consider the range of qualifications available and listed below.

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Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Health and Social Care (QCF)

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social Care (QCF)

Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Health and Social Care (QCF)

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Shipley College
- Manchester College
- Lesoco College
- Hackney College

Further Information <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1/introduction-to-health-and-social-care-children-and-young-people-l1.html#tab-1>