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Dear Mr Anderson

As a Higher Education Institution, we will recognise the following qualifications as fulfilling entry requirements to a range of our higher education courses in related subject areas, either by meeting entry requirements in their own right or being accepted alongside other qualifications at the same level:

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

We welcome the inclusion of external assessment in these qualifications. Also, the introduction of a larger mandatory core, comprising over half of each qualification, will provide students with a solid foundation. This means that all students will study a broad and common element of content, and therefore the wide range of options offered in the larger qualifications will be helpful in allowing students to explore areas in which they may wish to specialise at degree level. The pathways in the Extended Diploma, namely Biomedical Science, Analytical & Forensic Science and Physical Science, give guidance to students on which units are related to certain degree programmes and helps to give us an indication of what they have covered.

In the past, we have recruited students with Pearson BTEC National qualifications in Applied Science similar to those listed above on to our degree programmes in Biological Sciences, Biomedical Science, Pharmacology, Forensic Science, Psychology and Civil Engineering.

I am happy for this letter to be made public on the Pearson websites to confirm our support for the qualifications.

Yours sincerely



Dr David Mackintosh
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor