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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 Health and Social Care  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

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 Health Studies pathway in the Extended Diploma gives guidance to students on which units are related to health-related degree programmes and helps to give us an indication of what they have covered.

In addition, we will recognise the following more specialist health-related and care-related qualifications as fulfilling entry requirements to certain 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 Diploma in Social Care  
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health Care

In the past, we have recruited students with Pearson BTEC National qualifications in Health & Social Care similar to the seven listed above on to our degree programmes in Psychology and Social Work.

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

Yours sincerely



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