



## **Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF)**

**Qualification Number: 600/2999/7**

### **What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF) is aimed at those who are already working in care roles with individuals with dementia; it gives learners an opportunity to have their competence assessed. Units from this qualification can be used towards achievement of the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England or Wales and NI (QCF).

For adult learners the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate can extend their knowledge and understanding of work in a particular sector. It is a suitable qualification for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment following a career break.

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF) relates to the Health and Social Care National Occupational Standards (NOS)

This qualification is accredited by Ofqual as being Stand Alone; it does not form part of an Apprenticeship Framework

### **What does this qualification cover?**

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF) is a 21 credit and 143 guided learning hour (GLH) qualification that consists of four mandatory units plus optional units for learners to choose from

Mandatory content is the following;

- Understand the Process and Experience of Dementia
- Enable Rights and Choices of Individuals with Dementia whilst Minimising Risks
- Understand and Enable Interaction and Communication with Individuals who have Dementia
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Dementia Care Practice
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There are 18 optional units to choose from with subjects such as;

- Understand the Administration of Medication to Individuals with Dementia using a Person-centred Approach
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy
- Support Individuals at the End of Life
- Support Individuals in the Use of Assistive Technology
- Support Positive Risk Taking for Individuals

### **How is the qualification assessed?**

All units within this qualification are internally assessed via a portfolio of evidence.

### **Who could take this qualification?**

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Dementia Care (QCF) is accredited for learners aged 16 and above.

In particular sectors the restrictions on learner entry might also relate to any physical or legal barriers, for example people working in health, care or education are likely to be subject to police checks.

Where learners are of 16 and 18 years old they can be considered potentially vulnerable under current legislation. Where learners are required to spend time in and be assessed in work settings, it is the learning providers responsibility to ensure that the work environment they go into is safe.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

On successful completion of a BTEC Specialist qualification, learners can progress to employment and/or continue their study in the same or related vocational area, such as;

Health and Social Care  
Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care  
Dementia Care  
Learning Disabilities  
End of Life Care

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is highly valued and supported by employers within the Health and Social Care sector and Skills for Care and Development the Sector Skills Council.