



SCHOOL FOR CARE AND FOUNDATION STUDIES

BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (Certificate option also – 3 units)

Is this the right course for me?

Yesif you want to gain practical experience within a care setting.

A BTEC First Diploma is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands.

It introduces you to the employment area you have chosen and provides a good basis to progress to a more advanced work-related qualification.

A BTEC First Diploma is equivalent to four GCSEs grades A*– C and is normally taken as a full-time course.

What do I need to join the course?

You will normally need to have at least one of the following:

- A BTEC Foundation Certificate in a related subject
- 4 GCSEs at grades D-G
- Related work experience
- Other related level 1 or 2 qualifications

What will I be doing?

You will spend two days in Placement and three days in college.

The course is made up of six units – 2 core units that everyone takes and 4 specialist units. The specialist units enable you to study a particular area in more depth.

All students take the 2 core units:

- Communication and Individual Rights
- Individual Needs with Health/Social Care

You take 4 specialist units from this list:

- Values & Communications in Care Settings
- Cultural Diversity
- Impact of diet on health
- Human Lifespan Development
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Creative Activities
- Vocational Experience in Health/Social Care setting (60hrs optional)
- Health & Social Care Services

. All students will need to undertake a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check to comply with the Core Standards Act (2001), if they undertake placement.

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Functional Skills

There are opportunities for you to obtain Key skills in the following areas communication, application of number, information technology and working with others.

Additional Qualifications

You could also take GCSE English, Maths or Science, Adult Literacy level 1 or 2 or Adult Numeracy level 1 or 2, Deaf awareness and Listening skills

How long will the course last?

It is a full time one-year course.

How will my progress on the course be assessed?

Units are assessed internally and externally, but all of the units are graded and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded.

What will I achieve?

A BTEC First Diploma in Health and Social Care

And the future

With further training or study, students go into careers such as social work, residential care management, housing and the probation service.

If you want to get a job straight away you could work in:

Registered Care Homes

Housing

Community work and the Voluntary Sector

Hospitals and Primary Care Trusts

A BTEC First Diploma prepares you for employment and provides a good grounding to go on to a more advanced course or training such as:

- *NVQs in Health & Social Care*
- *GCE in Health and Social Care (A level equivalent)*

What should I do now?

If you wish to be interviewed for a place on this course please complete an application form and return it to the **Reception or The Advice Centre**.

If you have any queries please ring The Advice Centre on freephone 0800 854 695.

Certain groups, eg male candidates, are under-represented on the Childcare courses. We positively encourage applications from all individuals regardless of gender, culture, class, age, disability or religion, in accordance with the College Equal Opportunity Policy.

Please note that all the details on this fact sheet were correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.

If you would like this factsheet in larger print or alternative format, eg Braille or audio tape, please contact Study Skills Support on 01502 525191

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