

Health and Social Care Technical Award (Optional)

Board: Pearson

Course Content

The course involves the study of growth and development across the life stages in combination with a study of life events and their effects on individuals. Other aspects of the course involve study of the different job roles and how they contribute to the delivery of care to individuals and groups within society. Discussions around and making challenging choices about lifestyle and health are a key feature of the final unit of study. Students who take this course enjoy the study of this subject and how it relates to us as individuals and our needs.

Students who choose this course:

- Have an interest in human development and working with people from all walks of life.
- Have an interest in how our lives are affected by a variety of different factors, such as environment, diet, exercise and financial income.
- May want to pursue a career working in environments which involve working with people in care settings, such as teaching, children's services, youth and public services and nursing.
- May wish to try something new and different to widen their skill base in combination with GCSE qualifications.
- Enjoy class discussions and are willing to contribute ideas and thoughts about challenging topics.

The course can lead to a variety of options at higher level including:

- Study of Health and Social Care at a higher level, e.g. Level 3 BTEC courses in Health and Social Care.
- Study in related subject areas, such as Child Development, Nutrition, Social Care and Health Promotion.
- Improved job prospects in health and social care areas, which have a shortage of qualified workers.

Students who enjoy this course often have an established interest in health and social care or have had contact with others working in these environments, but this does not exclude students who wish to take this course as a new and exciting addition to their studies.

Students will develop a variety of interpersonal and workplace skills that will support their academic progress in Health and Social Care. These skills include:

- Research and planning skills
- Organisation skills
- Active listening skills and communication skills
- Evaluation skills
- Literacy skills
- Presentation skills

Knowledge

- Students will develop and increase their knowledge of the different aspects of growth and development and a better understanding of each of the life stages.
- Students will acquire in-depth understanding of comprehensive approaches to health and social care.
- Students will develop greater understanding of the effects of a variety of factors on development, for example, diet, exercise, genetics, life circumstances.
- Students will learn about the different ways that individuals can be supported by medical and social professionals and practitioners. This will involve investigations into different job roles and responsibilities.

Assessment

Assessment is a combination of internally moderated units (2 coursework pieces/units – worth 60% of final grade) and an external examined unit (worth 40% of final grade) based on a variety of health and social care topics. Assessment can also be carried out in the form of role plays, case studies and the production of reports.

For further details, please see Mrs. Dorgan