

# BTEC First Certificate in Health and Social Care

## What is a BTEC First Certificate?

A BTEC First Certificate 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 go on to a more advanced work related qualification.

A BTEC First Certificate is equivalent to two GCSEs grades A\* C

## What is the course structure?

The course is made up of three units two core units, which everyone takes, and a choice of one specialist unit. The specialist unit enables you to study particular areas in more depth.

## What units will I study?

All students take the two core units:

Communication and Individual Rights within the Health and Social Care Sectors

Individual Needs within the Health and Social Care Sectors

You take one specialist unit:

Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

## How is the course assessed?

This course is 100% course work based and has no final examination.

All units are assessed and graded, and an overall grade for the qualification is awarded.

What can I do at the end of the course?

With further training or study, students go careers such as nursing, social work and residential care management.

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

- BTEC National Diploma or Certificate in Care
- BTEC National Diploma or Certificate in Health Studies
- AS Level Health and Social Care

## How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local college for more information or see the Edexcel website <http://www.edexcel.org.uk>