

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We expect you to have GCSE English grade 5 or above. It would be helpful but not essential to have studied Health and Social Care.

CONTENT

Extended Certificate: Equivalent of one A-level

First Year

- Unit 02 - Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care (examined)
- Unit 04 - Anatomy and physiology for health and social care (examined)
- Unit 10 Nutrition for health (portfolio)

Second Year

- Unit 01 - Building positive relationships in health and social care (portfolio)
- Unit 03 - Health, safety and security in health and social care (examined)
- Unit 14 - The impact of long-term physiological conditions (portfolio)

Diploma: Equivalent of two A-levels

The above Extended Certificate content is studied with the following additional units:

First Year

- Unit 05 - Infection control
- Unit 07 - Safeguarding (Examined)
- Unit 08 - Creativity and activity for children and young people

Second Year

- Unit 06 - Personalisation and a person-centred approach to care (examined)
- Unit 13 Sexual health, reproduction and early development stages
- Unit 15 Promoting health and well being

PROGRESSION

The CTEC Extended Certificate and Diploma gives students a greater awareness of current issues and prepares them for higher education or the world of work, opening up career opportunities in the fields of Health, Social Care, Community Justice, Children and Young People's Services. Past students have progressed to further studies in Nursing, Midwifery, Operating Department Practice, Paramedic Science, Psychology, Early Years and Childhood Studies and Primary Education, Criminology, Social Work, Podiatry and Occupational Therapy. Others have embarked on apprenticeships as Paramedics and Dental Therapists.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Health & Social Care gives students the opportunity to explore current issues in a contemporary society, and their impact on people's lives, in a supportive environment. The subject combines well with Biology, English, Psychology, Sport and Business Studies. It provides a sound basis for higher education courses and careers. We have links with a local university as well as health, early years' education and social care providers. We encourage students to be involved in the local community. This subject is relevant to life out there! 1.7 million People in the UK are employed in the NHS alone!



My favourite parts of studying Health & Social Care at Richmond Sixth Form College are the unmatched teacher-student relationship and my extremely close and supportive class. The helpful staff have encouraged us all through the mix of examination and portfolio units, enabling us to succeed. The course has helped me develop my time-management and communication skills, and it has exposed me to subject-specific knowledge in the Health and Social Care sector. I knew from an early age that my future was to be involved in Healthcare. I studied Health & Social Care at GCSE, although this is not a course prerequisite. I have been accepted to study Paramedicine at Nottingham University to become a Paramedic. The diversity of the course has given me a foundation on which to base my studies for my future career. However, had I not chosen this pathway the subject and the transferable skills I have developed, such as research, report writing, analysis and self-reflection are relevant to so much in society.

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