



Health & Social Care

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The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care is for learners who want to acquire sector-specific applied knowledge through vocational contexts by studying human lifespan development, health and social care services and values, and health and wellbeing as part of their Key Stage 4 learning. The qualification recognises the value of learning skills, knowledge and vocational attributes to complement GCSEs. The qualification will broaden learners' experience and understanding of the varied progression options available to them. This Tech Award complements the learning in GCSE programmes such as GCSE English. It will complement the more theoretical aspects covered by GCSE Biology or GCSE Psychology by allowing you to apply your knowledge in a vocational context.

The course is equivalent to 1 GCSE but is graded using a pass, merit or distinction grading system. To understand more about the grading system, please see the below image:

BTEC Tech Award Grading

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

What Will I Study?

Component 1: Human Lifespan Development

Learners will explore different aspects of growth and development and the factors that can affect this across the life stages. They will explore the different events that can impact on individuals' physical, intellectual, emotional and social (PIES) development and how individuals cope with and are supported through changes caused by life events.

Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values

Learners will explore health and social care services and how they meet the needs of service users. They will also study the skills, attributes and values required when giving care.

Component 3: Health and Wellbeing

Learners will explore the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learning about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and person-centred approaches to make recommendations to improve an individual's health and wellbeing.

How will my work be assessed?

Components 1 and 2 are assessed through non-exam internal assessment. The non-exam internal assessment for these components has been designed to demonstrate application of the conceptual knowledge underpinning the sector through realistic tasks and activities. This style of assessment promotes deep learning through ensuring the connection between knowledge and practice.

There is one external assessment, Component 3, which provides the main synoptic assessment for the qualification. Component 3 builds directly on Components 1 and 2 and enables learning to be brought together and applied to realistic contexts. Component 3 requires learners to study the factors that affect health and wellbeing, learn about physiological and lifestyle indicators, and person-centred approaches to make recommendations and actions to improve health and wellbeing.

What future opportunities can this lead to?

Health and social care is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK with demand for both health and social care employees continuously rising. In 2019/20, the adult social care sector contributed approximately £41.2 billion a year to the UK economy. Social care employees, such as care assistants and social workers work with individuals to support them to be as independent as possible in their own homes, in care homes or nursing homes. Healthcare employees, such as doctors, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants and physiotherapists, work with individuals to enhance their quality of life by improving their health. Approximately 3 million people are currently employed in the sector. In 2019, it was estimated that by 2035 approximately 2.17 million health and social care job vacancies will need to be filled. Study of this sector at Key Stage 4 will complement GCSE study through providing an opportunity for practical application alongside conceptual study. There are also strong opportunities for post-16 progression in this important sector.

Students who study this course will develop the skills and attributes essential for successful performance in aspects of their working life, not just the Health and Social Care sector. Learners who achieve a Level 2 across their KS4 learning may consider progression to: study of a vocational qualification at Level 3, such as a BTEC National in Health and Social Care, excellent preparation for employment or apprenticeships. Or students may consider moving on to higher education by studying a degree in aspects of health or social care.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about Health and Social Care please speak to Miss Halawani, Teacher of Health and Social Care or contact options@penistone-gs.uk. You can also find out more information at [Specification - Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Health and Social Care 2022 Issue 2](#)

Component	Description of Pearson-set Assignment
Component 1: Human Lifespan Development	Non-exam internal assessment set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson. The Pearson-set Assignment will be completed in approximately 6 hours of supervised assessment. 60 marks.
Component 2: Health and Social Care Services and Values	Non-exam internal assessment set by Pearson, marked by the centre and moderated by Pearson. The Pearson-set Assignment will be completed in approximately 6 hours of supervised assessment. 60 marks.

This component should be delivered and assessed at the end of the course of study.

Component	Description of external assessment	Assessment
Component 3: Health and Wellbeing	External assessment set and marked by Pearson, completed under supervised conditions. The assessment will be completed in 2 hours within the period timetabled by Pearson. 60 marks.	January/ February and May/June from 2024 onwards