



Health & Social Care



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GCE

The Edexcel GCE in Health & Social Care has been designed to be delivered through work-related contexts, allowing students to develop an understanding of the diverse and complex nature of the health and social care sector.

Why choose the Edexcel GCE in Health & Social Care?

The GCE in Health & Social Care allows students to build skills as well as technical knowledge. It gives them a broad base of understanding whilst allowing them also to focus on the four specialist areas:

- Health
- Early Years (Care and Education)
- Care of Older People
- Individuals with Specific Needs

Options for studying particular groups and needs have been embedded within each of the internally assessed units.

Each internally assessed unit consists of an assignment where the students study one of the above areas. However, to give students a balanced programme, we recommend that at least two areas are studied. They could even study all four.

The content of the qualification has been devised on the assumption that students will take it alongside other GCEs, possibly in science-based subjects, Psychology or Sociology.

Above all, this qualification has been designed with delivery in mind. By reducing the number of units available, the need for specialist staff has been minimised. The options offered in the internally assessed units allow

centres to play to their strengths, and utilise the subject expertise that already exists in their team.

Edexcel offers full guidance on how to mark internally assessed work, and provides easy-to-follow grading criteria.

Progression

The GCE in Health & Social Care qualifies for UCAS points. It gives students a wide choice of progression options into further study, training, or relevant employment.

Students who successfully complete the qualification will be well equipped to move onto degrees, BTEC Higher National Diplomas or NVQs.

Comprehensive support, every step of the way

- A wide range of tutor support materials will be available from spring term 2005. This will include sample coursework, sample assignment briefs and specimen external assessments.
- Free events introducing the new GCEs and training events to prepare for teaching the new qualifications.
- Further information is available on our regularly-updated website at www.edexcel.org.uk/gce.

We are constantly examining new ways to provide support, and would welcome your suggestions.

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Course structure

The qualification has an AS/A2 structure. It can take the form of:

- a Single Award AS GCE (3 units)
Units 1-3
- a Double Award AS GCE (6 units)
Units 1-6
- a Single Award Advanced GCE (6 units)
Units 1-3, 7-9
- a Double Award Advanced GCE (12 units)
Units 1-12

AS Units

Unit 1

Human Growth and Development (externally assessed)

Unit 2

Communication and Values (internally assessed)

Unit 3

Positive Care Environments (internally assessed)

Unit 4

Social Aspects and Lifestyle Choices (externally assessed)

Unit 5

Activities for Health and Wellbeing (internally assessed)

Unit 6

Public Health (internally assessed)

A2 Units

Unit 7

Meeting Individual Needs (externally assessed)

Unit 8

Promoting Health and Wellbeing (internally assessed)

Unit 9

Investigating Disease (internally assessed)

Unit 10

Using and Understanding Research (internally assessed)

Unit 11

Social Issues and Welfare Needs (internally assessed)

Unit 12

Understanding Human Behaviour (externally assessed)

The course is straightforward to teach. The units follow a logical order, and there is a suggested delivery pattern. In addition, the course allows for joint delivery of both AS and Advanced levels.

External assessment will be through written examinations, which last an hour and a half.

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