Examination Board and Syllabus:
Edexcel BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
Edexcel BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care
Minimum Entry Requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade C or above including Maths grade 4 or English Grade 4

Course Outline:
The course is offered as a single subject choice (Extended Certificate, and a double subject choice (Diploma).

National Extended Certificate (Equivalent to 1 A Level)
The course consist of 4 units, 2 of these are externally assessed. External assessment is 58% of the final result.

Unit 1 Human Life Span Development
Unit 2 Working in Health and Social Care
Unit 6 Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
Unit 18 Physiological Disorders and their Care

National Diploma (Equivalent to 2 A Levels)
The course consist of 8 units, 3 of these are externally assessed. External assessment is 46% of the final result.
A minimum of 100 hours of work experience is a requirement; students are expected to find their own placement.
Student must complete the units included for the National Extended Certificate(above) and the following:
Unit 5 Enquires into Current Research in Health and Social Care
Unit 12 Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
Unit 13 Promoting Public Health
Unit 23 Nutritional Health

Exams:
The mandatory externally assessed units are the written examinations for this subject. All other units are assessed as coursework. Student must pass the written examinations and these with the coursework will make up 100% of the final grade.

Equipment required / Approx Cost:
The students are encouraged to buy the textbook Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care Book 1 edited by Beryl Stretch and Mary Whitehouse (approximately £25).
Book 2 is required for the Diploma course.

Higher Education Progression and Career Opportunities:
This course enables students to progress directly into the workplace, or on to further vocational programmes or to higher education. This course is a suitable starting point for careers in health services, social work, teaching and childcare, nursing and professions allied to medicine.
It is possible for students to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give points on UCAS for university applications.

Useful Website: