

John Ruskin College specialises in vocational courses. For the last few years the college has achieved exceptional success with these courses, most of which have a pass rate at 100%. John Ruskin College is the only sixth form college in the country where students have the benefits of a small, friendly sixth form environment combined with specialist vocational expertise.

- BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care
- BTEC First Diploma in Health & Social Care
- BTEC Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care

- BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development
- BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development



Health, Care & Early Years

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Professionals in Health and Social Care make an invaluable contribution to the welfare of society - and gain a huge amount of pleasure and satisfaction from their work. If you seek a fulfilling and challenging career, then John Ruskin College's Health, Care and Early Years Academy offers all you need to gain the qualifications to succeed.

In our society children are high on our agenda. The Government's aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support they need. If you are seeking a rewarding career in child care then the BTEC in Children's Care Learning and Development is for you.

Why BTEC?

- BTEC courses are ideal if you prefer coursework to examinations. There are no external examinations, so you will be assessed on the quality of your coursework
- You will actually 'do the job' so you can link experience with underpinning skills
- Units are broken up into manageable chunks and evidence can be collected to suit your needs

Why John Ruskin College?

- Our committed staff team will not only support your academic needs but also help you overcome barriers to learning
- Our strong links with universities such as King's College and other higher education institutions will give you hands-on experience of clinical and research skills
- You will have the opportunity to undertake specialist and residential placements, such as for the national charity Vitalise

What will I study?

The Health & Social Care courses are divided into units which cover topics such as understanding cultural diversity, public health, safeguarding children, social responsibility at work, developing a stimulating learning environment to name a few. The units will give you relevant underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills so you can progress to work in the health and social care sector or go to university.

Almost every unit will involve practical work.

As part of the BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development you will complete a minimum 800 hours work experience, which will give you 'qualified practitioner status'. This is normally undertaken one and half days a week in a variety of child care settings covering ages 0 to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 5 and 5 to 8 years old.

For the BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care you will need to complete a minimum of 300 hours work experience and evidence will be presented in the form of a portfolio. This will give you 'qualified practitioner status'. This is normally undertaken during one day a week in a variety of health and social care settings.



What qualifications do I need to start the course?

For the **BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care / Children's Care, Learning & Development** you will need at least 4 GCSEs at grade C or above, preferably including English. Alternatively, a pass in BTEC First Diploma is acceptable.

For the **BTEC First Diploma in Health & Social Care / Children's Care, Learning & Development** we will take into account GCSE grades or BTEC Introductory Diploma.

For the **BTEC Introductory Diploma in Health & Social Care** the only qualification you will need is a willingness to work hard and attend college every day.

If you are not sure whether you have the right qualifications, come and talk to us.

What can I do when I successfully complete my course?

The opportunities are immense and at present there is great need for qualified personnel in children's care and social services, so a qualification in Health & Social Care or in Children's Care could prove to be an invaluable foundation for a successful career.

You can go to university to study diverse subjects such as Nursing, Psychology, Sociology, Occupational Therapy, Social Work and Early Childhood Studies. The choice is almost limitless!

Alternatively you might choose to go straight into a career such as a care home management, health care assistant, occupational health nurse, play therapist or children's nurse!

