

BTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

DEGREES IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Child and Adolescent Studies

Child Psychology

Childhood and Youth Studies

Early Childhood Studies

Early Childhood Studies with Foundation Year

Early Years Education

Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care Extended Degree

Health Promotion and Public Health

Health Studies

Human Nutrition with Foundation

Midwifery Studies with Registration as a Midwife

Nursing (Adult)

Nursing (Child)

Nutrition (Human Nutrition)

Paramedic Science

Psychological Counselling

Psychology

Psychology with Counselling Skills

Psychology with Foundation Year

Psychosocial Theory and Practice

Social Care and Deaf Studies



PROGRESSION



UNIVERSITY



CAREERS

DEGREES IN LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

Criminal Justice and Criminology

Forensic Investigation with Foundation Year

Criminology

Law

Criminology and Sociology

Psychology with Criminology

DEGREES IN OTHER FIELDS

Professional Accounting

Politics and Sociology

French and English Literature

Sociology

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BECOMING *a*
N  **RSE,**
MIDWIFE,
SOCIAL W  RKER,
 **OR** **EARLY YEARS**
PRACTITI  **NER?**

#LIFEGOALS

Careers in Health and Social

Health and social care is a vast service sector undergoing rapid change, with new government initiatives giving it a higher profile than ever. These developments mean there is likely to be a demand for well-trained, multi-skilled people. However, given the cutbacks in public sector funding, the NHS and the social care sector are being forced to face new challenges and to make enormous efficiency savings, which is likely to affect both patterns of working and staff recruitment.

Many services are changing radically or will cease to exist; new partnerships and fresh allegiances are being formed, all of which will have an impact on those in the public sector. It is likely that the private and not-for-profit sectors will play an increasing role in delivering health services thus increasing the range of employers in the sector.

New career pathways are opening up in which employees are increasingly taking on new and demanding roles in environments that are continually changing.

Jobs directly related to Health and Social include:

- Community development worker
- Further education teacher
- Health improvement practitioner
- Health service manager
- Medical sales representative
- Naturopath
- Secondary teacher

Jobs where Health and Social would be really useful include:

- Adult nurse
- Anatomical pathology technologist
- Counsellor
- Dental hygienist
- Dental technician
- Dental therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Personal trainer
- Physician associate
- Prosthetist/orthotist
- Special educational needs coordinator (SENCO)
- Social worker
- Youth worker

Typical employers

Many health studies graduates work in the public sector for:

- the NHS
- local authorities, including education departments and social services
- schools and colleges.

You can also find work in the voluntary sector and with medical charities and not-for-profit organisations.

There are a range of opportunities in the private sector, working, for example, in private healthcare organisations as a lifestyle consultant or working in alternative medicine and therapies. Many of these options involve being self-employed.

Skills for your CV

A degree in health studies covers health in its broad context and investigates contemporary health issues. It gives you an in-depth understanding of health and healthcare and you learn to:

- research, analyse and evaluate health and health-related issues from a multidisciplinary standpoint
- use health information and data effectively
- understand and formulate health-related arguments and contest theories.

You also develop a range of general skills, including:

- written and oral communication
- the ability to work both independently and in a team
- effective problem-solving and time management
- report writing
- research and data analysis
- information technology.

Further study

For many health-related careers, for example nursing, speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, you'll need to take a specific degree or higher qualification. You may have to complete a full vocational course from the beginning or there may be a shortened postgraduate option for health studies graduates.

It's also possible to take a postgraduate certificate, diploma or Masters in health studies or a related area such as public health or leadership in health and social care.



To enrol for the Health and Social Care course at The Amethyst Sixth Form you must have:

- English Grade 4
- Desirable – Level 2 (Merit Grade) qualification in Health and Social Care

