COURSE OVERVIEW
This course is for students interested in learning about factors that affect human development from birth through to old age. It aims to develop students’ understanding of psychological and sociological explanations of behaviour as well as theories about effective communication. Students will learn how to use these theories and concepts in health, social care or early years’ settings and learn the laws and actions necessary to promote equality, rights and safety in the workplace.

CAREER PROGRESSION
Health and Social Care courses give a good foundation for working with vulnerable people. Students may progress on to Nursing, Midwifery, Counselling and job roles in the NHS, Health Promotion, Teaching and Educational Support work, Social Work, Probation and Police, Youth and Community Work, Nursery Nursing, Child Care Management and and Public Health Work.

FURTHER INFORMATION
You are encouraged to self-place and seek work experience alongside your studies to enhance your learning experience.

KEY FACTS
Course Duration:
Two years.
First year: Equivalent to 1.5 A Levels and designed as a one-year, full-time course. It supports progression to an apprenticeship, a Level 3 qualification or, if taken as part of a programme of study that includes other BTEC Nationals or A Levels, progression to higher education.
Second year: Equivalent in size to 3 A Levels. 13 units of which 8 are Mandatory and 4 are external. This qualification has been designed to be the only qualification in a two-year, full-time study programme; it is an in-depth study of the health and social care sector. It supports progression to health and social care related degrees.

Assessment of Foundation Diploma:
1st year - Units studied:
Unit 1 Human Lifespan external assessment
Unit 2 Working in health and social care internal assessment  Unit 5 Meeting individual needs external assessment
Unit 7 Principals of safe practice Internal assessment Unit 11 Psychological perspectives Internal assessment
Unit 14 Physiological Disorders and their care

Assessment of Extended Diploma:
Unit 3 Anatomy and Physiology external assessment Unit 4 enquiries into current research external assessment Unit 6 work experience in health care setting internal assessment Unit 8 Promoting Public Health internal assessment Unit 9 Infection control internal assessment Unit 12 Supporting individual needs internal assessment

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