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CARL FRIEDRICH GAUSS

Applied General Qualifications

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Who is this course for?

The Health, Social Care, Community Justice and Early Years Sectors offer a variety of rewarding careers. With a national shortage of qualified professionals, there could be no better time to work in the care industry.

The new Applied General qualifications, BTEC Nationals in Health and Social Care, contain the knowledge and employability skills students need to succeed at higher level study and in their chosen career. Higher education needs students who have experience of research, extended writing and meeting deadlines.

Over 5,000 employers, universities, teaching professionals and trainers have been involved in developing these new range of Applied General BTEC Nationals qualifications. They provide progression to study at a higher level or direct progression into the workplace. Proof comes from YouGov research, which shows that 62% of large companies have recruited employees with BTEC qualifications. What's more, well over 100,000 BTEC students apply to UK universities every year and their BTEC Nationals are accepted by over 150 UK universities and higher education institutes for relevant degree programmes either on their own or in combination with A Levels. Universities, professional bodies and businesses have provided letters of support confirming that these qualifications meet their entry requirements.

About the Applied General qualifications

You will have the opportunity to study the course as a single qualification which is equivalent to 1 A Level (Extended Certificate) or as a double award qualification which is equivalent to 2 A Levels (Diploma).

The range of new Applied General BTEC National qualifications in Health and Social Care each have a clear purpose, so there is something to suit each learner's choice of study programme and progression plans. These courses combine well with a wide range of A Level subjects and use a combination of assessment styles. The range of assessment styles gives students confidence so they can apply their knowledge to succeed in the workplace and have the study skills to continue learning on higher education courses and throughout their career. This range of assessments – both practical and written means students can showcase their learning and achievements to best effect when they take their next step, whether that's supporting applications to higher education courses or to potential employers.



Our students say...

I enjoy making new friends at Carmel, and finding out about new topics in the subjects I study.

I would recommend BTEC Health and Social Care to other students because I think you study a range of interesting topics. With the Health and Social Care course, I went on a trip to the University of Central Lancashire where I learnt more about what courses I can study after Carmel. This trip really opened my eyes as I didn't realise how many different routes Health and Social Care could enable me to go down. The highlight of being at Carmel so far is making lots of friends and exceeding my targets to gain high results in my coursework. After I leave Carmel I hope to study Paediatric Nursing at university, and I then hope to go into the nursing profession.



Chelsea Jones

Up Holland High School

Studying:

BTEC Health and Social Care, BTEC Applied Science

What will I study?

Some of the units you may study are:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Promoting Public Health
- Sociological Perspectives
- Psychological Perspectives
- Complementary Therapies for Health and Social Care
- Health Psychology
- Assessing Children's Development Support Needs
- Nutritional Health

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the Applied General qualifications. It includes a range of assessment types and styles. The three main forms of assessment that you need to be aware of are: external, internal and synoptic.

External Assessment

Each external assessment for is linked to a specific unit of study. All of the units developed for external assessment allow you to demonstrate breadth and depth of achievement. Each assessment is taken under specified conditions, then marked by Pearson and a grade awarded. Students must achieve all external units at pass grade or above.

The styles of external assessment used for qualifications in the Health and Social Care suite are:

- Examinations – all students take the same assessment at the same time, normally with a written outcome
- Set tasks – students take the assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task. Some external assessments include a period of preparation using set information.

External assessments are available twice a year and students can have only one resit attempt during the programme.

Internal Assessment

Internally-assessed units are assessed through assignments. This ensures that you are assessed using a variety of styles to help you develop a broad range of transferable skills. You could be given opportunities to:

- Write up the findings of your own research
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- Carry out projects for which you have choice over the direction and outcomes
- Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate work-based values and practices.

Synoptic Assessment

Synoptic assessment requires you to demonstrate that you can identify and use effectively, in an integrated way, an appropriate selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories and knowledge relevant to a key task. These tasks provide opportunities for deep learning where you are able to make connections among units and select areas of interest for detailed study and apply your learning in realistic contexts using scenarios and realistic activities. Synoptic units may be internally or externally assessed.

Our students say...

I enjoy Carmel for many reasons, however for me the main reason has to be the freedom you get when coming here.

You are treated like an adult and respected well by teachers and students no matter what. Initially, I didn't choose BTEC Health and Social Care, however, I soon realised the previous course I had chosen wasn't right for me and I joined my BTEC Health and Social class a few weeks after the new term began, it was the best thing I did. I am the only boy in the class, which was daunting initially but from the offset I was welcomed into the group. Prospective students may think that BTEC Health and Social is a subject for girls but it's not that way at all. I love the fact that this subject is very varied, including subjects like Biology and Sociology, something I wasn't expecting prior to the course. During my time at Carmel I have taken part in work experience which has given me a real incite into a working environment and made me realise the options and potential for me once I leave Carmel. In the next few years, I hope to use the many skills I have gained to help me move onto the next chapter in life.



Josh Wareing
St Augustine's

Studying:
BTEC Health and
Social Care, History

Health and Social Care students in Liverpool



Our students say...

The thing I like most about Carmel College is the friends I have made and the new people I have met.

I would recommend BTEC Health and Social Care because the teachers will help you if you are unsure of anything and they also give good feedback on your work. The teachers are so friendly and the course is really interesting to study. As a class, we visited the University of Central Lancashire which was very interesting to see. We received a tour of the university followed by a lecture of our choice; mine was about nursing and social working. I found this very interesting because it gave me an insight into what university degrees I can do. Finally, the thing I like best about Carmel is that it's more relaxed than a High School Sixth Form and it has a happier environment.



Katie Morse
Broughton Hall

Studying:
BTEC Health & Social Care, BTEC Applied Science

What support will I receive?

Our Health and Social Care department is committed to supporting you as an individual and helping you to achieve your full potential. Teachers can help you to reflect on your achievement and guide you in the setting of targets to improve your performance throughout the year. Support tutorials are provided on a one-to-one and small group basis and you will be given help with a range of study skills for example, organising your time, independent research, revision skills etc.

How does the qualification provide transferable knowledge and skills for higher education?

These qualifications provide transferable knowledge and skills that prepare you for progression to university. The transferable skills that universities value include:

- The ability to learn independently
- The ability to research actively and methodically
- Being able to give presentations and be active group members
- Reading technical texts
- Effective writing skills
- Analytical skills
- Preparation for assessment methods used in degrees.

How does the Applied General qualifications provide employability skills?

There are opportunities in lessons to give you practice in developing employability skills in the following three main categories:

- Cognitive and problem-solving skills: use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- Intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- Interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.

Work Experience

On your course you will undertake work experience. This is a good way to use the skills you have learnt in the classroom and see what work is really like. You could do anything, from spending time with a childcare agency or primary school, to working with a health practitioner - perhaps an occupational therapist or nutritionist.



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What are the entry requirements for these courses?

You will need **grades CC in Health & Social Care** (if studied) **OR a Pass in BTEC Health & Social Care** (if studied) **AND GCSE grade 4 in Maths and English and grade C in Science/Biology.**

Meet the Tutors

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