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BTEC Level 3 National in Health and Social Care



Progression pathway



GCSEs



Applied Science and BTEC L3 HSC at Sir John Deane's College



Midwifery at Manchester University

1 How do you think BTEC helped get you where you are now?

By teaching me the skills I needed for university and my future career as a midwife. It taught me things like organisation skills – I don't just mean time management but everything. This is not a 'normal' degree – you are working all the time and you must be able to organise your life. Also, the BTEC helped me learn how to be understanding – through different placements but also just through seeing other people on the course and their strengths and weaknesses – everyone is different.

2 What was your BTEC experience like?

It was a brilliant experience and I'm so grateful for the opportunities BTEC has given me and I'm extremely proud to be the first in my family to attend university.

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3 How did studying a BTEC prepare you for your future career?

I learned how to engage with and talk to people – a crucial aspect of being a midwife, and the BTEC also gave me other skills that prepared me particularly well for university, like independence and time management, both of which are an absolute must at university and BTEC already gives this. Also, communication skills – you must be able to speak and read non-verbal communication; it's an NHS core value and it's something that the BTEC absolutely gives. Another NHS core value and a skill the BTEC supported me with is courageousness, it taught me to be bold.

4 What did you like most about taking a BTEC?

I invested as much time and energy in developing my skills and knowledge as I possibly could. I would have to say that the work experience element is one of the best things about the BTEC course, as I gained not only confidence and independence from reaching out and securing the placements myself, but a whole range of career-focused skills from being on placement. I loved every single one of them and I loved the fact that BTEC gave me the opportunity to do them ... I love speaking to people and that element of the course was incredible.

What top 5 skills did you gain from your BTEC?



Communication



Independence



Organisation and Time Management



Courageousness



Understanding

5 Why would you recommend BTEC?

I would recommend a BTEC course absolutely. BTECs aid social mobility, giving people from all backgrounds a first step onto the career ladder.

BTECs recognise that there's difference in people but not in their potential.