



HEALTH STUDIES

Aim

This course is intended to help you explore current concepts of health and how these influence health and social care practice. You will consider health in its widest possible context to include biological, psychological, sociological, economic and historical environmental perspectives.

Course Content

You will take three units of study:

Unit 1: Social Policy and Health

This three credit unit will introduce you to current health provision in the UK. You will be asked to evaluate a range of health models and identify a current health issue for independent investigation.

Unit 2: Psychological and Sociological Factors that impact upon Health.

This six credit unit aims to develop your understanding of a range of psychological, socio-economic and cultural factors that impact upon health.

Unit 3: Health Issues within a Local Community.

This six credit unit aims to develop your understanding of a range of chronic disorders and their impact upon health.

You will explore and apply the principles of professional standards to different current treatments and therapies, including the contribution of complementary medicine in the local community.

Approaches to Study

All topics have a clear focus on current policy and practice in UK health provision, and you will be able to draw on your own experiences and knowledge of your local community wherever possible. A variety of activities and resources is used, and the assignments set will also enable you to develop your research and study skills in preparation for university level study.

Assessment

The assessment for the course is carried out across all three units and may include: Individual report on health and social care provision, individual, case study, small group presentation and exam with one seen paper and one unseen paper.

Recommend Reading and Preparation

It would be useful preparation to read current health related articles in the media and watch any documentaries or news programmes on health provision in the UK.

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Qualification Requirements in English and Maths

If you are aiming at progressing into higher education you will need to have English and Maths GCSEs at Levels 4 – 9 or Level 2 Functional Skills for university entrance. If you do not already have these you can take these as part of the Preparation for Access package of courses in the year preceding your enrolment on Access at no charge.

Hours:

The Access to HE Diploma course is available full-time over one year (approx. 10 hours per week over two days).

Examination Board

Laser Learning Awards

Subjects

You can find out more about Access subject options by visiting our website at www.stvincent.ac.uk under 'Higher Education' and 'Access to University'.

Child Care

There is a nursery at St Vincent College for babies and young children up to four years old, run by YMCA Fairthorne Manor. This is free for those on benefits.

Financial Support

Some support for your studies (eg books, stationery, travel) is available for most students on benefits.

Advice and Guidance

You will be able to consult our Careers Team for impartial advice about university or careers.

For start dates and further information, contact:

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