



## Applied A Level Health and Social Care (Double)

**This is a two year course** which will offer opportunities for work experience (one day per week) as well as College based studies on the remaining four days. This course is equivalent to two A Levels. Students can combine this course with an additional A/AS Level of their choice. Citizenship, Communication Studies, Psychology or Sociology are particularly suitable.

### Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and a grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics or Science plus a keen interest in Health and Social Care. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. You must also enjoy completing coursework and be able to meet deadlines.

### This subject will focus on:

- working in Health and Social Care – increase your understanding of the world of work;
- effective caring;
- effective communication;
- health, illness and disease;
- child development;
- social policy; and
- clients with disabilities.

### You can expect to:

- develop independent research skills;
- develop a good understanding of the skills needed in a health and social care setting;
- take part in discussions and give presentations;
- attend work experience in a range of settings; and
- learn how to manage deadlines effectively.

### Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination. Approximately two thirds of the units will be assessed through assignments throughout the year. If you prefer this type of study then this course is suitable for you.

### Progression:

After the course, you can use this qualification as a route into a Health Studies degree or go on to nurse or social work training. Alternatively, you could go straight into social care employment.

### Other information:

The students on this course are kept up to date with developments through a series of visiting speakers including the Admissions Tutor for Children's Nursing at London South Bank University.

**Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:**

Ex Hallmead pupil, Victoria Beaumont, joined the College in 2007 to do the Double Applied Health and Social Care GCSE course. Achieving this alongside her English GCSE, Vikki progressed to the Double Applied A Level which she completed in 2010. Vikki was immediately snapped up by a local primary school at her first employment interview!

Another former Hall Mead pupil, Rebecca Grix, has an unconditional offer to study Children's Nursing following her successful completion of the Double Applied A Level course. Not content with this, 'high flying' Becca recently completed a 14,000ft Sky Jump for charity!