



Sport and Exercise Sciences

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Certificate

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences?

The BTEC National Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences will equip you with the essential knowledge, skills and understanding needed for building a career in the sport and exercise sector. The qualification will give you insight into the various different occupational routes you can take within the sector, and help you to progress in existing employment, or move on to further study.

The course can be adapted to meet your abilities and aspirations. It consists of four compulsory core units, which cover the fundamentals of sport and exercise science: anatomy, physiology and psychology, as well as research methods; plus your choice of eight specialist units (totalling 720 guided learning hours). The structure of the course lets you focus on the areas you are most interested in, such as instructing physical activity and exercise, sports injuries or nutrition in sport. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. If successful there are a wide variety of prospective careers that you can explore, for example: health and safety inspector, sports therapist or sports coach.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences has the equivalence of two GCE A Levels, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give UCAS points for university applications.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is largely dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take two academic years to complete but it can be studied for longer.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Sport and Exercise Sciences are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First in Sport (Exercise and Fitness) and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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