

2. Course overview

720 GLH: Equivalent in size to two A Levels, 9 units of which 6 are mandatory and 3 are externally assessed.

This is intended as an Applied General qualification, equivalent in size to two A Levels. It has been designed as part of a two-year programme, normally in conjunction with one or more qualifications at Level 3. This qualification is aimed at learners looking to progress to higher education in this sector.

Mandatory units include: Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training, Sports Industry, Sports Leadership, Investigating Business in Sport, and, Skill Acquisition in Sport.

Optional units include a range of themes including, but not limited to, the following: Sports Psychology, Practical Performance, Coaching, and, Fitness Testing.

3. Assessment outline

Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the qualification. It includes a range of assessment types and styles suited to vocational qualifications in the sector. There are three main forms of assessment that you need to be aware of: external, internal and synoptic.

External Assessment

Externally-assessed units are: Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming, and, Investigating Business in Sport.

Each external assessment for a BTEC National is linked to a specific unit. All of the units developed for external assessment are of 90 or 120 GLH to allow learners to demonstrate breadth and depth of achievement. Each

assessment is taken under specified conditions, then marked by Pearson and a grade awarded. Learners must achieve all external units at pass grade or above. Learners are permitted to re-sit any external assessment only once during their programme.

The styles of external assessment used for qualifications in the Sport suite are:

- examinations – all learners take the same assessment at the same time, normally with a written outcome
- set tasks – learners 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.

Internally-assessed units

Most units in the qualification are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification. Learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help them develop a broad range of transferable skills. Learners are given opportunities to:

- write up the findings of their own research
- use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes
- demonstrate practical and technical skills

Grading for units and qualifications

Achievement in the qualification requires a demonstration of depth of study in each unit, assured acquisition of a range of practical skills required for employment or

progression to HE, and successful development of transferable skills. Learners achieving a qualification will have achieved across mandatory units including external and synoptic assessment. Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified. All mandatory and optional units contribute proportionately to the overall qualification grade, for example a unit of 120 GLH will contribute double that of a 60 GLH unit.

Qualifications are graded using a scale of PP to D*D*.

4. Entry requirements

Students should have a good level of English, preferably grade 5 or better. Students should also have studied Sport at Level 2 and have gained at least a grade C at GCSE or Merit at BTEC.

5. Career pathways.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting, or contributing to, admission requirements for many relevant courses. Learners can progress to higher education on full degree single or combined courses, for example:

- BA (Hons) in Sports Development and Management
- BSc(Hons) in Sports Management
- BSc(Hons) Sports Business Management
- BSc(Hons) Sport and Leisure Management
- BSc(Hons) Sports Science (Outdoor Activities)
- BSc (Hons) in Exercise, Health and Fitness
- BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise Psychology.