

Why study for a career in Social Services?

The Social Care & Early Education sectors have a huge variety of career opportunities where no two days are the same

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES
- ADULTS and OLDER PEOPLE
- PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
- CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

The care sector has one of the fastest growing workforces in Scotland...

If you enjoy communicating with others and are good at thinking on your feet this could be the career for you



As part of your Foundation Apprenticeship you will be able to work towards registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC)

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Foundation Apprenticeships;
Social Services: Children & Young People
Social Services : Health and Social Care



Vocational courses ideal for S5-S6 pupils with an interest in the care sector, who wish to follow a career or enhance their skills in this area

AVAILABLE IN all our partner HIGH SCHOOLS*

*subject to demand

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Why choose a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Foundation Apprenticeships are generally a two-year*, industry-recognised qualification taken alongside other subjects through our school college partnership. They offer a unique combination of classroom learning and work placement learning with relevant local employers. These new qualifications can give you a head start in the ever expanding sector of Social Services and gain an insight into the many and varied employment opportunities at practitioner and management level that are available within the profession.

They have been developed in partnership with and are widely recognised and respected by employers both locally and nationally. They can lead straight into employment by delivering an industry specific skill set and good knowledge of local employer's requirements.

Foundation Apprenticeships can also provide you with a competitive advantage if you wish to continue your academic career with further study. You will be able to demonstrate highly valuable study skills, social and critical thinking skills, problem solving and creativity through working on real projects in the workplace.

Through our School College Partnership Programme you can study the following courses:

Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services: Children and Young People

What will you study?

Year 1 - Starting in S5, you will complete one year of college led learning to gain a National Progression Award (NPA) in Children and Young People whilst making links with your work placement providers.

Year 2 - In S6, you will put your knowledge into practice in a real life work placement setting thus enabling you to continue your learning out of a classroom environment. During this time you will work towards an SVQ Level 2 Children and Young People.



Moving on

On completion of the Foundation Apprenticeship, you will be able to move into employment in children's services.

With your industry skills set and knowledge of local employer's requirements, there is a huge range of different career opportunities within the day care of children services. These can include Play worker, nursery practitioner, out of school co-ordinator and nursery and family centre managers.

Alternatively you could progress onto HNC or degree levels of study which are offered by West Highland College UHI. In addition, you will be able to work towards registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

** May be completed in a shorter time dependent on circumstances and suitable entry requirements.*

Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services & Healthcare

What will you study?

Year 1: Starting in S5*, pupils will complete one year of college led learning to gain a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare whilst making links with their work placement providers.

Year 2: In S6, you will put their industry based knowledge into practice in a real life work placement setting, thus enabling you to continue your learning out of a classroom environment. During this time you will work towards their SVQ Level 2 Social Services and Healthcare.



Moving on

On completion of the Foundation Apprenticeship you will have the opportunity to move into employment in adult social services with an industry specific skill set and good knowledge of local employer's requirements.

Alternatively, you could progress onto HNC or degree levels of study which are offered by West Highland College, UHI. Pupils will also be able to work towards registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

There is a wide range of different career opportunities within social work and social care settings, such as care assistant, care worker, team leader and care home and centre managers.

How and where will I study?

These courses comprise a combination of college taught sessions in school, college based work and Video Conference sessions with college tutors. Work placements will be organised and monitored by West Highland College UHI and will be chosen on an individual basis.

Entry requirements

Four to five passes at National 5 level with A, B or C band passes, ideally including English.

How to apply

You will need to fill in an application form which you can get from your guidance teacher or from the schools section on our website: www.whc.uhi.ac.uk/schools

