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Foundation Apprenticeship Social Services, Children and Young People



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Foundation Apprenticeships

Foundation Apprenticeships are changing the way young people learn. They are a great way for young people to broaden their options and get a taste for their potential career before they leave school.

They are available to pupils moving into fifth year and are taken **over two years** alongside their other school subjects like National 5s or Highers as one of their subject choices.

Young people working towards a Foundation Apprenticeship gain knowledge, skills and hands-on industry experience at college and with a local employer. It is an industry-recognised qualification set at SCQF level 6, the same level of learning as a Higher.

Many universities and colleges recognise them as equivalent to 2 A passes at Higher.*

This is a two-year programme giving you the opportunity to gain relevant vocational skills and experiences in the childcare sector, and SQA qualifications which form part of the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services and Childcare, whilst still at school.

With an FA Social Services Children and Young People, you could:

- Gain entry to the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 6.
- Gain entry onto the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7.
- Explore options for a related Graduate Level Apprenticeship.
- Continue your studies at college or university e.g. HNC Childcare Practice or BA Hons Child and Youth Studies.
- Go straight into a job in the children's social services sector.

What are the Entry Requirements?

- Pupils need to have a strong interest in working with children and young people.
- National 5 English.
- Pupils need to be ready to work at SCQF level 6 (the same level as Higher).
- Pupils will be required to undergo a PVG check as they will be working with vulnerable individuals.
- Pupils need to be self-motivated and independent learners.
- Admission to the Apprenticeship is subject to interview.

*Applicants should check entry requirements with individual universities.

What will I be studying?

You will be working towards the following qualifications delivered by a College/Employer partnership:

NPA in Social Services (Children and Young People) (5 SQA units at SCQF level 6)

- Communication with children and young people (1.0 credit).
- Development of children and young people (0.5 credit).
- Promote the wellbeing and safety of children and young people (0.5 credit).
- Safeguarding of Children and Young People (1.0 credit).
- Play for children and young people (1.0 credit).

Social Services (children and young people) SVQ level 2 units (4 SQA units at SCQF level 6).

Four units will be achieved with the opportunity to gain an additional 2 units that will complete the SVQ.

Assessment

To gain the NPA, pupils must satisfactorily achieve all the component units of the course.

The SVQ units will be assessed in real life situations in the workplace. Pupils will also have to complete a reflective diary.

Attendance

Year 1 - The NPA will be delivered by videoconference and online tutorial support by college staff. Pupils will also undertake work experience in a workplace setting, during which you will be required to complete a brief project.

Year 2 - The SVQ units will be achieved by pupils on work experience for 10 hours a week. It is likely that work placements will include Friday afternoons.

I am Interested, what do I need to do?

Contact your guidance teacher, school's career adviser or Donald Macdonald, Head of Health, Lewis Castle College UHI 01851 770 465 donald.macdonald@uhi.ac.uk

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