



Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care

INTRODUCTION

There is a wide range of opportunities open to an Advanced Apprentice looking for a career in Health and Social Care.

The Advanced Apprentice could be involved in supporting older people in health, mental health or learning disabilities settings. They could be employed by a local authority, independent care provider or a voluntary organisation.

The Advanced Apprenticeship is aimed at individuals delivering care and support, often without direct supervision or on their own. Advanced Apprentices may have some supervisory or developmental responsibility for other care workers, or they might be involved in specialist tasks with a degree of responsibility or independence.

The framework of qualifications are particularly relevant to senior care workers, health care workers, home care organisers and community support workers.

The fact that Health and Social Care services for adults are highly regulated means that you will need a qualification if you are to work in this sector.

WHAT WILL I DO?

The framework consists of both practical and theory elements, including an Advanced Apprenticeship, Technical Certificate and Functional Skills in both English and Maths.

The Advanced Apprenticeship consists of 4 core / mandatory units:

- Promote effective communication for and about individuals
- Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security in the working environment
- Reflect on and develop your practice
- Promote choice, wellbeing and the protection of all individuals (adults)

You will also need to complete 4 optional units from a choice of 105 which will be discussed and agreed with yourself, your assessor and your employer.

The Technical Certificate supports the delivery of the Advanced Apprenticeship by giving you the underpinning knowledge to accompany your practice.

It consists of the following three units:

- Reflecting on and developing own practice in Health and Social Care role
- Promoting effective communication for and about individuals in a Health and Social Care setting
- Promote health and safety practice in a Health and Social Care setting.



You will also need to complete an additional optional unit which will be discussed and agreed by yourself, your assessor and your employer. To gain the full certificate you must successfully complete all four units by written assignments.

Functional Skills are practical skills in English, Mathematics and ICT that enables everyone to work confidently, effectively and independently in life and at work.

A Functional Skill qualification in English @ Level 2 will show that you are competent in writing documents on complex subjects, making presentations, reading and summarising information as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar, in Mathematics @ Level 1 will show you can understand practical problems, select & apply maths in an organised way and use checking procedures, in ICT @ Level 1 or 2 will prove you can use ICT systems, find & select information, develop, present & communicate information.

Functional Skills have been produced as a response to calls from employers for more people to have these skills and they therefore form an integral part of an apprenticeship framework. They are the key to success that will open doors to learning and work.

Delivery of Functional Skills within the framework can happen in two ways:

- a) an apprentice attends day release, their functional skills will be delivered at college on that day.
- b) an apprentice does not attend college for their main qualification, they will need to attend college for a block week for each Functional Skill required for their framework. Dates of these block weeks will be discussed with the apprentice and their employer at sign up and they will be booked in advance.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

This course runs on a worked-based assessment for approximately 24 months. This is a roll on/off course so therefore candidates will be able to start the course at any time throughout the year.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Entry to the course will be considered in relation to the candidate's previous knowledge and experience.

Also GCSEs at grade C or above in English and Maths or a previous Level 2 qualification within Health and Social Care or an equivalent qualification are required, as well as a good reference and good communication skills.

Health and Social Advanced Apprentices must be employed for a minimum of 30 hours a week at a workplace which has to be approved for Health and Safety purposes by the Apprenticeship Team.

Employers must be willing to sign up to the training agreement and have to be prepared for the Training Adviser to visit the workplace every 8-12 weeks for training reviews and regular Health and Safety checks.

As well as studying for their Advanced Apprenticeship we expect all learners to complete Functional Skills to Level 2 in Maths and English.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

Not only will this framework of qualifications offer you more flexibility in the areas you work in, they will also help you progress in your career. Once you have completed your Advanced Apprenticeship it could lead to further studies.

FEES

Employers may have to pay a contribution for those over the age of 19. For more information please enquire within the Apprenticeship Team.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

For all Apprenticeships the Learner is required to be paid at least the Apprenticeship minimum wage (Currently £2.50 per hour).

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information.

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