



## Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care

### INTRODUCTION

There is a wide range of opportunities open to an Apprentice looking for a career in Health and Social Care, including working as a support worker, domiciliary care worker or care assistant within the community or in a residential care setting.

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 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 Apprenticeship, Technical Certificate and Functional Skills in both English and Maths.

The Apprenticeship consists of 4 core / mandatory units:

- Communicate with and complete records for individuals
- Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals
- Develop your knowledge and practice
- Ensure your actions support the care, protection and wellbeing individuals (adults)

You will also need to complete 2 optional units from a choice of 28 which will be discussed and agreed with yourself, your assessor and your employer. The Technical Certificate supports the delivery of the Apprenticeship by giving you the underpinning knowledge to accompany your practice.

It consists of the following four units:

- Develop your knowledge and practice in Health and Social Care Settings
- Support the care, protection and wellbeing of individuals in a Health and Social Care setting
- Communicate with, and completing records for individuals in a Health and Social Care setting
- Understand health and safety practice in a Health and Social Care setting.

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 12 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 D or above in English and Maths or a previous Level 2 qualification within Health and equivalent qualifications are required, as well as a good reference and good communication skills.

Health and Social 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 Apprenticeship we expect all learners to complete Functional Skills to Level 1 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 Apprenticeship it could lead to further studies, including an Advanced Apprenticeship.

### **FEES**

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

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

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Apprentices are provided with a Training Advisor to help and support throughout the course and the work place and to ensure the learner's progression.

## 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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