



Foundation Apprenticeships – Social Services and Healthcare (2022/2023)

Who is it for?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare is a one year course open to you in S5 and S6. You can take a Foundation Apprenticeship as one of your senior subject choices. You'll get the chance to learn in a real workplace and develop the new skills your future employers need, giving you a competitive edge while you're still at school.

You will need to be ready for working and studying at SCQF Level 6 (Higher equivalent) in a vocational setting. The requirements of the course are set out below. Attainment will be measured by ongoing assessment throughout and an employer work placement.

How does it work?

1. You'll get time out of the classroom and complete an extended work placement with a top local employer interested in hiring young people.
2. Your Foundation Apprenticeship course will combine hands-on learning with essential knowledge, which you'll get the chance to apply on your work placement.
3. It fits alongside your other subjects in your senior timetable.

What are the benefits?

1. It's the same level of learning as a Higher (SCQF6). The difference is that you are assessed as you go along, so there's no final exam.
2. The time you spend on your placement will give you technical workplace knowledge, plus confidence, communication and team-working skills.
3. You can use your Foundation Apprenticeship to get into a Modern Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship, or straight to work. It also counts as one of your entry qualifications into colleges and universities across Scotland.

What's the qualification?

You'll gain a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare, which is the same level of learning as an SQA Higher (SCQF level 6).

This includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare, at SCQF level 6
- Four Core units of an SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare, at SCQF level 6
- A work placement
- Learn Pro modules (Midlothian Council approved)

What will I learn?

Your NPA in Social Services and Healthcare will cover the following topics:

- Social Services in Scotland
- Safeguarding People
- Communication in Care Relationships
- Safe Practice and Wellbeing in Social Services
- Human Development and Social Influences

Your Foundation Apprenticeship will also help you to develop core skills valued by employers, particularly:

- Communication,
- Problem Solving,
- Time management, and
- Working with Others

These transferable skills are necessary and highly desirable for working in a range of other related jobs.

Where could it take me?

Your Foundation Apprenticeship gives you lots of options: it's up to you where you go next.

- Registered as a professional care worker: On completing your Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll have already achieved four core units which can help you

progress to the full Social Services qualification at SCQF 6. Depending on your commitment you may be offered the opportunity to complete an additional two units then you can register with the SSSC as a professional care worker. Perhaps you may choose to start employment and then undertake a further two units then you can register with the SSSC as a professional care worker.

- A Modern Apprenticeship: On completing your Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll have already achieved four core units which can help you progress to the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare giving you a head start.
- Further Education: Continue your studies at college, with an HNC or HND in a social services subject. Your workplace experience will support your college application.
- University: Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised as equivalent to SQA Highers by Scottish universities for most of their courses. You'll already have quality experience in the industry – this will make your UCAS stand out from the crowd.
- Straight to a job: Use your qualification and work experience to find a job in the social services and healthcare industry.

Entry Requirement

- Achieved or working towards National 5 Mathematics (we will also consider Application of Mathematics on a case by case basis) and National 5 English
- The ability to work towards a SCQF Level 6 (Higher) qualification
- An interest in developing greater awareness of industry or considering a career in the Health & Care sectors

Where will the qualification be delivered?

The Social Services and Healthcare Foundation Apprenticeship will be delivered in Midlothian at a suitable Training venue. This may be at one of Midlothian's High Schools or a separate training facility based within Midlothian. Midlothian Council (CLLE) will cover the cost of all travel to and from the delivery venue and your work placement.

Who will deliver the course?

The course will be delivered by Midlothian Council's SVQ Assessment Centre who are an SQA Accredited Centre. Their Assessors who have many years' experience and delivery of qualifications in this subject area.

How will the course be delivered?

The programme will be a blended delivery of classroom based and work placement. The course will be delivered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons plus additional commitment. Accreditation of specific unit areas will be classroom based using workplace evidence.

How long is the course?

The course is currently delivered over one Academic Year

How many places are available?

10

How can I apply?

Talk to your Guidance teacher, SDS Careers Adviser in school

Further Information

You can find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships at www.apprenticeships.scot or on @apprenticeship_scot You can hear from Foundation Apprentices and employers on YouTube by searching for 'apprenticeships.scot':

Please note:

This information sheet is for guidance only and may be subject to change. Midlothian Council (Communities and Lifelong Learning) will be responsible for the delivery of this Foundation Apprenticeship for 2022/2023.

