



Foundation Apprenticeships – Hospitality Level 4/Level 5 (2022/2023)

Who is it for?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Hospitality is a one year course open to those in S4-6. The course can be taken as one of your senior subject choices where you will get the chance to learn and develop new skills that your future employers need, giving you a competitive edge while you're still at school.

Learners will need to be ready for working and studying at SCQF Level 4 or 5 but in a vocational training kitchen/classroom setting. The requirements of which are set out below. Attainment will be measured by ongoing assessment and participating in the planning, delivery and completion of a work-based challenge project.

How does it work?

1. Learners will get time out of the classroom to complete the required qualifications at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC) and the work-based challenge project.
2. The course will combine practical hands-on learning with essential knowledge which you will put in to practice to achieve your qualifications and work-based challenge project.
3. It fits alongside your other subjects in your senior timetable.

What are the benefits?

1. The course is assessed as you go along, so there's no final exam.
2. The time you spend at the vocational training centre will give you technical workplace knowledge and skills in hospitality plus confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

3. The Foundation Apprenticeship can act as a stepping stone into a Modern Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship or straight in to employment. The course also counts as one of your entry qualifications into colleges across Scotland.

What's the qualification?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in hospitality is the same level of learning as an SQA National 4 or 5 qualification (SCQF level 4/5).

What will I learn?

The Hospitality FA will cover the following topics:

- Working in the professional kitchen
- Working in the hospitality industry
- Introduction to Events
- Working front of house
- Work Based Skills Challenge: community based project

It 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 essential and highly desirable for working in a range of other related jobs

Where could it take me?

The Foundation Apprenticeship gives you lots of options, it's up to you where you go next. This could be:

- A Modern Apprenticeship - on completing your Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll have already achieved core units which can help you progress to a Modern Apprenticeship in a Hospitality specific area giving you a head start.
- Further Education - continue your studies at college, with a career specific course.
- Straight to a job - use your qualification and skills to find a job in the Hospitality industry.

Entry Requirement

- Achieved or working towards National 4 or 5 qualifications
- The ability to work towards an SCQF Level 4 or 5 qualification
- An interest in developing greater awareness of the hospitality industry or considering a career in the hospitality sector.

Where will the qualification be delivered?

The Hospitality Foundation Apprenticeship will be delivered in Midlothian at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC) and /or The HIVE in Gorebridge. Transport will be provided to and from the delivery venue.

Who will deliver the course?

The course will be delivered by Midlothian Council's experienced Communities Lifelong Learning and Employability (CLLE) Department through their accredited SVQ Assessment Centre. CLLE are an SQA Accredited Centre.

How will the course be delivered?

The course will be delivered in part from The Hive in Gorebridge which is ran by Gorebridge Community Cares. They have a specially designed training kitchen and all of the practical elements of the course will be delivered here.

The rest of the course will be practical activities based within the local community that the young people will decide upon. Some of the learning will be classroom/computer based.

How long is the course?

The course is delivered over one Academic Year – so you will be committing to studying through your school year in either S4, S5 or S6 depending on whether you are successful in gaining a place on the Level 4 or Level 5 course.

How many places are available?

15 at Level 4

15 at level 5

How can I apply?

Talk to your Guidance teacher or 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 Lifelong Learning and Employability) will be responsible for the delivery of this Foundation Apprenticeship for 2022/2023.

