



# Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health & Social Care Level 2

Social care is the term given to a wide range of care and support for people with assessed need. Social care services are administered through local authorities working with voluntary, private and independent social care organisations. Councils may also provide services themselves or commission others to do so.

In social care this framework provides a suitable way to meet the development and qualification needs of a variety of roles and job titles, including care workers, community, support and outreach workers, personal assistance, domiciliary care workers, supervisors and senior care workers. The apprenticeship framework is inclusive of emerging roles in adult social care. As well as being suitable for existing staff, this framework gives apprentices extensive opportunities.

## Duration & Structure

The Apprenticeship will take a minimum of 12 months to complete. Apprentices are required to complete their training within the workplace, where an assessor will visit them and support their progress through on site assessment. An element of college attendance may be required which will be discussed as part of the induction process.

## Entry Criteria

All applicants are required to have achieved at least 3 GCSE's at grade A\*-C to include English and Maths. Equivalent qualifications and prior experience will be considered. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential within this sector. All employers should complete a DBS Check on all of their employees including apprentices

## Employer Support

All apprentices are required to be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week. The employer is responsible for the employment of the apprentice as with any other employees.

The Apprentice and Employer will be supported by an Assessor to address any problems and they will be responsible for feeding back on the apprentice's progress throughout the duration of the Apprenticeship programme.

## What will an Apprenticeship Study?

The Apprenticeship framework is aimed at meeting the new standards for Health and Social Care at Level 2. The table below shows the content:

### Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care Mandatory Units

- Introduction to communication in health and social care
- Introduction to personal developments in health and social care
- Introduction to equality and inclusion in health and social care
- Introduction to duty of care in health and social care
- Principles of safeguarding and protection in health and social care
- The role of the health and social care worker
- Implement person centred approaches in health and social care
- Contribute to health and safety in health and social care
- Handle information in health and social care settings

Optional Units – can be provided on request and are chosen to meet specific job roles.

### Technical Certificate Level 2 Certificate in Working in the Health Sector

#### Functional Skills:

- English and Maths at Level 1
- Employment Responsibilities & Rights
- Personal Learning & Thinking Skills

## Key facts about an Apprenticeship:

- An apprentice must be employed for a minimum of 30 hours a week
- Minimum wage starts at £3.30 per hour during the first year of an Apprenticeship (as of 1st October 2015)
- Apprentices aged 16-18yrs old are fully funded by the Government. The employer will only need to pay the apprentice's salary
- Apprentices aged 19-23 yrs old are partially funded by the Government and an employer contribution is required
- Graduates are not eligible for intermediate and advanced apprenticeship funding
- Apprentices must meet our minimum entry requirements

## Applicant- How to apply for an Apprenticeship:

- Complete an application form and submit it to Customer Services. Forms can be found in the College or on our website [www.sgscol.ac.uk](http://www.sgscol.ac.uk)
- Find and apply for an apprenticeship <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- If you are successfully matched to a vacancy or you have secured your own employment we will invite you into the College for an interview and initial assessment with a Training Advisor. This will evaluate your suitability for the course as well as give you the chance to view our facilities and find out more about the course.
- If you meet our minimum entry criteria, are successful in your interview and gain employment within this sector, we will enrol you at the beginning of the programme.

## Employer- How to set-up an Apprenticeship:

- 0800 072 6077 or [apprenticeships@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@sgscol.ac.uk) to arrange a meeting with one of our Advisors
- We will help you to identify the correct course and units to meet your business needs
- If you are trying to recruit a new member of staff to fill the role, we can advertise the vacancy on your behalf for free
- We will interview and assess all applicants.
- We will shortlist applicants for you to interview.
- Once you have your apprentice, we will enrol them in the College and start their training.
- For existing staff, we will complete an assessment to ensure the course is appropriate for them.

For further information please contact our Business Solutions Team on 0800 072 6077 or email [apprenticeships@sgscol.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@sgscol.ac.uk)

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