

Factsheet 14

Health and

Social Care

National Apprenticeship Service

Overview

This Apprenticeship covers a wide range of job roles in the health care and social care fields. Social care is about helping people with a particular need, such as the disabled or the elderly. You should be interested in working with young people or adults. The health care sector in the UK employs approximately two million people, equating to about 7% of the workforce. The public sector (including NHS trust/health authority) accounts for 73% of employment in the UK's health sector, whilst 21% are employed in the private sector.

The remaining workforce is employed in local authorities and other organisations. As an apprentice in Health Care, you could work in hospitals, the community, doctors' surgeries, hospices, private clinics or opticians.

Starting salary (once qualified) ranges from £11,000 - £17,000.

What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

- Care Worker
- Day Care Assistant
- Healthcare Assistant
- Healthcare Support Worker
- Home Care Assistant
- Medical Assistant (Armed Forces only)
- Nursing Assistant

Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- competence based element
- technical element
- skills element

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

Competence Element

Apprenticeship – NVQ Level 2 in route related to your job role

Advanced – NVQ Level 3 in route related to your job role

Technical Element

Certificate in Health and Social Care

Skills Element

Apprenticeship –

Communication Level 1

Application of Number Level 1

Advanced –

Communication Level 2

Application of Number Level 2

Other Additional Study

Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship (12 months) ✓
- Advanced Apprenticeship (24 months) ✓
- Higher Apprenticeship ✗

Progression Routes

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Further Education
- Higher Education
- Supervisory and management positions

Options within the Framework

- NVQ in Health and Social Care

Health Award Pathways:

- Health Award in Blood Donor Support
- Health Award in Clinical Support
- Health Award in Perioperative Support
- Health Award in Medical Assistance

Already Employed?

Are you currently employed but not working towards qualifications? Speak to your employer about converting to an Apprenticeship and ask them to call 08000 150 600 for more information.

For more Information and to Apply Visit:

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.skillsforhealth.org.uk

If you require further advice or support on Apprenticeships please contact your local Connexions or Careers Advice Service.