

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

ADULT CARE WORKER

To work in care is to make a positive difference to someone's life when they are faced with physical, practical, social, emotional or intellectual challenges.

Course Overview

Adult Care Workers need to have the right values and behaviours developing competences and skills to provide high quality compassionate care and support. They are the frontline staff who help adults with care and support needs to achieve their personal goals and live as independently and safely as possible, enabling them to have control and choice in their lives which is at the heart of person-centred care.

Modules

The Health & Social care, Level 2 Adult Care Worker (standard) will give apprentices the opportunity to develop the following skills:

- The main tasks and responsibilities according to their job role
- Treating people with respect and dignity and honouring their human rights
- Communicating clearly and responsibly
- Supporting individuals to remain safe from harm (Safeguarding)
- Championing health and wellbeing for the individuals they support and for work colleagues
- Working professionally and seeking to develop their own professional development

The apprentice will also develop knowledge in the following areas:

- The job they have to do, their main tasks and responsibilities
- The importance of having the right values and behaviours
- The importance of communication
- How to support individuals to remain safe from harm (Safeguarding)
- How to promote health and wellbeing for the individuals they support and work colleagues
- How to work professionally, including their own professional development

Course code
ST0005

Award on successful completion
Adult Care Worker
Apprenticeship Standard

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)

Study type
Full Time Apprenticeship with onsite training

Level
2

Start date
Flexible

Duration
18 months

Fees
£3,000 or £150 Employer Contribution or up to 100% Government Funding and Additional Incentives may be available.

Location
Workplace - some college attendance for workshops may be required

Entry requirements

Working at Level 1 Maths and English. Apprentices without level 1 English and Maths will need to achieve this level and take the test for level 2 English and Maths prior to taking the End Point Assessment.

Additional entry requirements for this apprenticeship may be set by the employer.

As part of the Industry-specific requirements, the Health & Social apprentice must undertake the Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service process and provide the result prior to starting.

The Care Certificate must be achieved as part of the Apprenticeship Standard.

Methods of assessment

The apprentice will receive Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF). This qualification, promoted and valued by employers, is achieved by a combination of direct teaching and self-directed learning.

The End Point Assessment (EPA) can only be triggered after 12 months of starting the apprenticeship and is dependent on when the employer and training provider decide the apprentice is ready. EPA is typically expected to conclude within 3 months. The employer has the final decision to progress the apprentice to EPA. The apprentice and training provider should feel confident the learning outcomes have been achieved.

The EPA consists of three elements, all of which may be completed online. All assessment methods need to be passed. Each assessment method should directly assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the Standard. The assessor has the final decision.

What can I do next?

This apprenticeship provides an ideal entry into the occupation and supports progression within the sector.

A further Level 3 Apprenticeship as Lead Adult Care Worker is available to those who progress to supervising a team within the sector.