



**A PUPIL'S GUIDE TO
WORKING WITH CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE
START HERE GO ANYWHERE
WITH AYRSHIRE COLLEGE**

Read on to find out how to get a head start
in your career while still at school

WHY CHOOSE CARE

AS A CAREER?

There are over 189,000 people employed in social services in Scotland today working with employers in the private sector, with voluntary organisations, for local authorities and health partnerships.

There's a great demand for social service workers from providing practical help and support, to keeping children who use the services safe. It's a career for people who like people.

A career working with children and young people can offer progression pathways to a job where you feel valued. You will achieve an enormous sense of personal satisfaction from knowing you are helping others.

HOW DO I STUDY FOR A CAREER IN SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHILE STILL AT SCHOOL?

You can complete a Foundation Apprenticeship as one of your subject choices while still at school. The duration of the course is 2 years, starting in S5 and finishing at the end of S6.

- Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday 2pm-5pm in College (Kilwinning Campus)
- Year 2: Work placement (10 hrs per week)

Transport to and from college/employer will be organised and paid for.

WHY DO IT?

Completing a Foundation Apprenticeship in this area will provide you with an excellent platform to progress into a variety of different areas working with children and young people. There are many exciting opportunities that will be available to you.

- STEP INTO A GROWING AND EXCITING INDUSTRY THAT NEEDS SKILLED PEOPLE
- GAIN A NATIONAL QUALIFICATION RECOGNISED BY EMPLOYERS
- WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER TO GAIN VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE
- CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER
- THE EXPERIENCE YOU GAIN WILL MAKE SURE YOUR CV, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICATION AND JOB APPLICATION STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

COURSE CONTENT

THE FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP IN

SOCIAL SERVICES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG

PEOPLE HAS 3 MAJOR PARTS:

- The new National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services: Children and Young People
- Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) Level 2 in Social Services: Children and Young People
- Substantial work experience

PROGRESSION

When you complete a Foundation Apprenticeship you will have an industry recognised qualification, along with the skills and experience you will need to kick start your career. Gaining this qualification will provide a solid basis for applying for a Modern Apprenticeship or progressing to a Higher National Certificate in a range of care courses:

- Childhood Practice
- Social Services
- Working with Communities
- Additional Support Needs



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You should have or be working towards four National 5 qualifications, including English during S5. Your guidance each should think you are capable of working at SCQF Level 6, the same level as a Higher qualification.

HOW TO APPLY

If you're interested speak to your Guidance Teacher or your school Careers Adviser in the first instance. Alternatively, if you'd like to speak to someone at Ayrshire College please contact Kirsty Taylor on **01294 559000 ext. 5387** or **kirsty.taylor@ayrshire.ac.uk**

INTERVIEW

- A personal interview
- A written exercise – short paragraph answers to three questions
- The short written exercise and personal interview will be graded to establish your suitability for the course

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

For further information and frequently asked questions visit:
www1.ayrshire.ac.uk/schools/foundation-apprenticeships



I hope that in the future, some of the brightest and best social service workers will be able to say they started their career with a Foundation Apprenticeship.



-Anna Fowlie, CEO, Scottish Social Services Council

