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Health and Social Care



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Health and Social Care is a growing sector with wide ranging opportunities for work locally, nationally and internationally.

We're looking for individuals who want to work with others, helping and supporting them through those difficult times when they're most vulnerable.

We can equip you with the skills and qualifications you need to secure employment which is varied and rewarding, offering opportunities for advancement and career development.

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Possible Careers

Adult, Mental Health, Child and Learning Disability Nursing

Health Care Support Worker

Occupational Therapy

Medical Administration

Counselling

Social Worker

Social Care Support Worker

Personal Support Worker

Family Support Worker

Care Assistant

Classroom Assistant for Children with Additional Support Needs

Youth Worker

Community Support Worker

Community Learning and Development Worker

Activities Co-ordinator

Care Home Manager

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Michelle McComb

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HNC Care and
Administrative Practice

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BSc in Adult Nursing, UWS

“Before coming to College, I worked at an airline for almost five years. I loved my job but I always knew I wanted to study nursing.

I wanted to go to university and knew that the HNC Care and Administrative Practice would be the perfect stepping stone for my career.

I was worried about coming to College as a mature student. I thought my classmates would be a lot younger than me and that I wouldn't fit in – this was not the case. I was also worried about my workload and managing it with my family life.

The course was very interesting. During my placement I experienced first-hand what it is like to work within a hospital. I had no prior experience of working within the care sector so it was a great opportunity for me.



My personal highlight was receiving the Overall Student of the Year Award at the Kilwinning Campus Graduation. It felt incredible. I always had trouble believing in myself, however my time at college proved to me that I worried for no reason.

Returning to education was a huge step for me, but I am so glad I did it and would encourage anyone who is thinking of it to just do it.”

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Paul Scott

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HNC Social Care

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Blue Triangle
Housing Association

“I had an interest in working with people, addictions and mental health, so I decided to pursue a career in social services.

I am now employed with Blue Triangle Housing Association, which offers supported accommodation. I work with a diverse client group and each service user has different complex issues. Being able to offer some stability in their chaotic lifestyles is satisfying.

Integrity is essential in this line of work, and good communication skills help me create a rapport with service users and colleagues.

The HNC Social Services course helped me grow in confidence. I gained an understanding of mental health and the human mind, which really fascinated me. I also developed my writing skills, which I use daily in my workplace.



Building trust is important. I always try to go the extra mile for the clients in my care. Simple things, like taking a few minutes to ask clients how their day has been, or offering them a cup of tea, can make a big difference.

I enjoy what I do, so will continue working in the homeless accommodation sector. One day I'd also like to progress to university.”

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Care to care?

Choose from a wide range of courses including:

Care and Administrative Practice (Nursing Route)

Health Care

Oral Health Care

Nursing

Counselling

Youth Work

Working with Communities

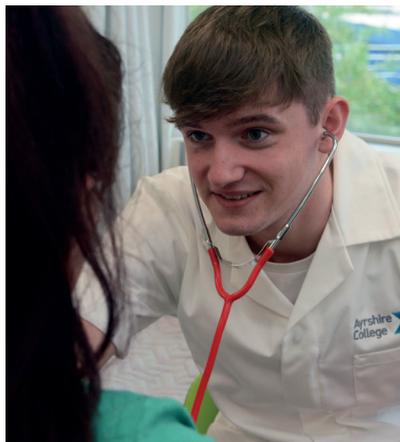
Social Care

Social Services

Social Work

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Why choose Health and Social Care?

- You can make huge differences to people's lives: You have the opportunity to work with and help lots of different people. This can make it a very rewarding role, and is often what people enjoy most about working in the sector.
- Opportunities to develop and progress: The sector is changing and growing all the time. You'll be presented with new information and challenges every day, keeping things fast-paced, exciting and interesting.
- Flexible hours to fit in with your life: Many jobs in the care sector offer shift patterns which are ideal for those who have family or other commitments.



“Whether it be people with addiction, people with mental or physical health problems, or children in care. If they can’t see anything other than the life they have, or the beliefs that they have about themselves, they can’t be anything other than that. That’s where our care professionals come into play. They are visible, they take the lead and they give people hope.”

Fiona McQueen
Chief Nursing Officer





Are you right for the job?

- Empathetic
- Compassionate
- Respectful
- Approachable
- Friendly
- Polite
- Kind
- Hardworking

What are employers looking for?

- Good communication skills
- Ability to stay calm in high pressure situations
- Alert/quick to respond
- Attention to detail
- Adaptable/flexible
- Team worker

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To pursue a career in care you need a real interest in working with people and a satisfactory reference.

An interview with a member of our team will ensure we get you on the programme that's right for you. Our programmes range from SCQF Level 4-7.

If you don't have formal qualifications, but have life/work experience, we may consider you for a place.

Some of our courses which have work based experience require you to become a member of the PVG scheme.



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Our **SWAP courses** for nursing and social work are specifically designed to prepare adults who are returning to education for advanced level study at college or university. Partnership links with universities make it easy for our students to progress to various degree courses.

Access and National Certificate (NC) courses lead to more advanced level study. Alternatively employment opportunities may be available in the care or oral health care sector, or in community-based settings.

Level 2 SVQ Social Services and Health Care has a very high success rate for employment and can allow you to move into the care sector as a Support Worker, Home Care Worker or Care Assistant.

Higher National Certificate (HNC) programmes allow progression to a range of degrees. Many of our students have moved on to study at the University of West of Scotland and the University of Glasgow. Strong articulation links allow direct second year entry for certain programmes.

Alternatively you can seek to start your career:

HNC Social Services can lead to a career in social work or prepare you to work in adult care, residential

child care or with people with learning difficulties or addiction.

The Nursing route for HNC Care and Administrative Practice qualifies you to work as a Health Care Support Worker at band 3 within the NHS.

HNC Counselling will prepare you for a counselling or mentoring role.

HNC Working with Communities can lead to opportunities in Community Development, Community Support Work, Youth Work or Adult Education.

Careers in health care are more likely to require a combination of further study and on-the-job medical training. Careers in social care are more likely to start with on-the-job training and allow people to work towards professional qualifications later on in their career.

Please check with each university for their articulation requirements prior to your UCAS application. Entry is subject to availability of places and meeting entry requirements, other options may also be available.

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