

Social Services (Children & Young People)

Foundation Apprenticeship



What skills will you gain?

This award will give you a real insight into working within the early years, childcare and playwork sector, allowing you to achieve an industry recognised qualification so that you have the necessary qualifications to gain employment with in the early years, childcare and playwork sector or to enhance your university application by gaining a qualification specific ally for those wishing to work within the sector at any level.

This course can be delivered over one or two years' duration. It is an opportunity for S5 and S6 pupils to under take an educational programme combining industry specific qualifications with relevant work Experience. The FA is levelled at the equivalent of two A band Highers. The qualifications gained will provide you with the registration requirements for the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Entry requirements?

Three passes at National 5 level ideally including a literary subject. Demonstrate an understanding of the sector and have an interest in working in this sector. Demonstration of experience in this sector will be considered and each application will be considered on a case by case basis supported by a satisfactory reference and interview. Pupils will undertake a PVG check as part of the entry requirements.

How and where will I study?

Pupils commencing in S5 (2 year delivery):

Year 1: NPA in Social Services (Children & Young People) plus engage with local employers.

Year 2: SVQ2 in Social Services (Children & Young People); 1 day per week work placement plus SVQ workshops at college to complete SVQ portfolios.

Pupils commencing in S6 (1 year delivery):

June to August: induction and work placement either during the evening or weekend; it will be arranged to suit individual pupils.

August to May: NPA in Social Services (Children & Young People) plus equivalent of half day per week work placement experience.

You will study through face to face delivery at North Highland College UHI Thurso campus. Delivery starts in June with a one day induction, then from August on Fridays from 9.45am to 2.15pm (9.45am to 4.00pm for one year delivery). Work placement time will be arranged on an individual basis.

Where will it take me?

This is a one or two year commitment during you senior years at school, but on attainment you can progress direct onto employment within the early years, childcare and playwork sector or progress onto a HNC or degree level of study including those leading into Primary teaching at North Highland College UHI.

How do I apply?

The senior phase programme offered at North Highland College UHI is embedded in your option choices at school. Once you have decided on the course you would like to apply for, please speak to your Guidance Teacher who will advise you on how to apply. We will not interview you for this course, so ensure you complete all sections on the application form, paying particular attention to your personal statement.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.northhighland.uhi.ac.uk/schools/>

