Early Learning and Childcare

SCQF Level 9

Why Study a Graduate Apprenticeship?

Studying for a graduate apprenticeship not only means that you will gain a degree but get paid a wage while learning the skills, knowledge and understanding that industry expects from a graduate.

Because graduate apprenticeships are full time employees, you will spend about 80% of your time based at the work place and 20% on study. There are flexible entry and exit points from Higher National Diploma at SCQF Level 8 to a Master's Degree at SCQF Level 11.

Who Can Apply?

Graduate Apprenticeships are for those over the age of 16 who are:

- school leavers with Highers or Advanced Highers, or
- adults with relevant qualifications or experience, and
- resident in Scotland at the start of the Apprenticeship.

There is no age limit for applicants. Some vacancies may require applicants to be age 18 or over, due to health and safety requirements.

If you already have a degree you can still apply for a GA. The condition is that it cannot be in the same subject area and level. Therefore, for example, you can do the same subject at a higher or lower level, or do the same level but in a different subject area.

Entry Requirements

These will vary by course and institution. Vacancy advertisements provide specific information on the qualifications required by the delivery institution for each GA.

Typically you need either:

- 3-4 Highers plus National 5 English (if not held at Higher)
- Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People).

You normally need to be in full time employment in the early learning and childcare sector.

Check individual institution websites for specific entry requirements.

Course Content

The key content areas which make up the Early Learning and Childcare: SCQF Level 9 Graduate Apprenticeship are:

- core and meta-skills

- general skills for working in support of others
- specific skills for Early Learning and Childcare.

Qualifications Gained

Graduate Apprenticeship (BA) in Early Learning and Childcare (SCQF level 9)

Duration

3 years

What can I go on to next?

An Early Learning and Childcare Graduate Apprentice could gain employment in the following area:

- Early years practitioner
- Nursery manager.

How to Apply

You should apply directly to the employer who is advertising the vacancy. Vacancies are advertised on www.apprenticeships.scot.

Related Career Areas

- Social, Caring and Advisory Services

Offered By

- UHI Argyll
- UHI Inverness
- UHI Moray
- UHI North, West and Hebrides
- UHI Orkney
- UHI Perth
- UHI Shetland
- University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)
- University of the West of Scotland