Social Services and Healthcare

Why do a Modern Apprenticeship?

Modern Apprenticeships might be right for you if you prefer to learn from hands-on experience, and would prefer part time rather than full time study. Being able to earn while you learn is another plus point.

Levels Available

The Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare is available at the following levels:

- SCQF Level 6
- SCQF Level 7.

Depending on which units you choose to complete, you will learn how to:

- complete key medical tasks such as blood tests
- provide first aid in the event of an emergency
- counsel and support individuals through their treatment
- assist patients with financial and practical issues
- develop action plans for individuals recovering from addiction
- provide education and support to the wider community.

There is technical level apprenticeship at SCQF Level 9 for those who have completed SCQF Level 7 and wish to progress to a supervisory or management position.

Who Can Apply?

Anyone living in Scotland who is over school leaving age can apply. Sometimes employers set an upper age limit, as the Scottish Government doesn't always fund training for those aged over 24.

You would check this with individual employers.

Entry Requirements

This depends on the industry, level of apprenticeship and the employer's requirements.

It could range from no formal entry requirements to a group of subjects at National 4 or 5. For Technical Apprenticeships you may need some subjects at Higher.

They may also look for some work experience or volunteering work you've done that demonstrates core skills, such as communication.

You will be able to see details in vacancies advertised.

Qualifications Gained

You will achieve the relevant Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ), Diploma or other competency based qualification. In addition, you work towards core skills and complete industry specific training.

Duration

Most Modern Apprenticeships take between 2 – 4 years to complete. This depends on the industry and the level you are completing.

What can I go on to next?

If you start an apprenticeship at SCQF Level 5 or 6, you may be able to progress to a higher level, if available. You could also progress into a related job.

How to Apply

To search for vacancies and to apply, go to www.apprenticeships.scot.

Related Career Sectors

- Nursing and Auxiliary Work
- Social Work or Social Care