

SOCIAL CARE APPRENTICESHIPS FAQs

What qualifications do I need to join the course?

No prior qualifications are required; however, an initial assessment will be carried to ascertain if you are in the correct role to undertake the apprenticeship at level 4 or 5

Apprentices without Level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to completion of their Apprenticeship.

If Level 2 English and Maths has been completed prior to starting the qualification certificate evidence will be required for exemption.

For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement the apprenticeships English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3 and British Sign Language qualification are an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language.

What are the responsibilities of my employer?

To give relevant experience in the workplace and to ensure that time is provided for 20% 'off the job' learning time.

What is the approximate time commitment?

These programmes run for 18 months and require dedicated study time every week.

Can I still undertake the course if I work part time?

As an apprentice, you will need to be employed to work for a minimum of 30 hours per week to complete the programme in 18 months.

If you work less than 30 hours a week it is still possible to undertake an apprenticeship, however the period of the apprenticeship will be extended beyond 18 months.

If you are on a zero-rated contract you can still complete the apprenticeship however all of the apprenticeship must be completed in your working hours, including the off-the-job training.

In certain circumstances you can request a break in learning. A break in learning might be because of illness, parental leave, or other personal reasons. The apprenticeship can be put on hold for a set period of time where agreed.

Can I self-fund?

No, not for these programmes.

I am currently working from home how will this impact upon the 20% off the job learning?

Reasonable adjustments can be made for apprentices working from home. Remote learning and assessment can be provided in these circumstances.

Will I be able to access mentorship and networking opportunities with other apprentices?

There will be lots of opportunities throughout the programme to engage with other apprentices. This will include in shared classroom and facilitated virtual discussions. To benefit from peer learning opportunities working across boundaries of organisations is actively encouraged on the programme.