

# UHI | ARGYLL

Where learning means more



## Study at college while at school



**Tobermory High School**

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# Welcome to UHI Argyll

UHI Argyll works closely with local authorities, our partners and secondary schools to deliver a wide range of qualifications to school pupils. Senior phase pupils in S4, S5 and S6 can study a College course as part of your normal school timetable.

Our aim is to ensure young people have access to work-relevant educational experience to enable them to make informed and ambitious choices about the career route that's right for them.

Our courses help you progress in your chosen career path by developing life and work skills.

They aim to: -

- ✚ broaden your curriculum choices
- ✚ enrich your educational experiences
- ✚ help you to develop knowledge and skills for employment and further study, such as analysing and problem solving
- ✚ help ease your transition from school to further learning or employment
- ✚ help you with life skills such as responsibility, attendance, punctuality and independent travel

# Types of study



UHI Argyll is different from traditional universities and colleges.

We offer highly flexible, multi-level access to further and higher education. That means it's easy to join and leave at just about any stage in your academic, professional or personal journey.

No matter how many semesters or years you spend at UHI Argyll, each course you take will offer a clear pathway for progression to the next level, or to the world of work.

## Further education (FE)

- + FE includes courses with a strong work focus, like National Qualifications (NQs), National Certificates (NCs) and Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs). NQs and NCs prepare students for work and act as stepping-stones to higher education, while SVQs provide opportunities to gain qualifications while in work.

## Higher education (HE)

- + HE is the term for study beyond school and FE level. HE courses include Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, and BA, BSc and BEng Honours degrees.
- + If you have the right entry qualifications you can go straight into an HE course with us, but if you need to, you can take an FE course first to prepare.

## Skills for Work (SfW)

- + These courses focus on employability skills needed for success in the workplace. The courses offer learners opportunities to learn these skills through a variety of practical experiences that are linked to vocational areas. Skills for Work courses help young people to develop their self-confidence. They also aim to provide a very positive learning experience. A chance to work on practical skills that relate to the world of work provides real benefits to learners.

# Study modes

## Face to Face

- + These classes are face to face on campus by a lecturer with student participation.
- + Depending on which course you may come to your local college centre or take your class in your school building.

## Online

- + Pupils learn through online study, supported by lecturers usually in a 'live' online timetabled class in our virtual learning environment.

## Blended

- + Pupils learn through a combination of online and face to face delivery. Online may be via video conference tutorials with a lecturer and/or online study via our virtual learning environment Brightspace.





# Types of courses

If you're still at school, UHI Argyll could help you get a head start into further or higher education, or the world of work.

Our Senior Phase Programme allows school students in S4, 5 or 6 to study with us.

You could access a subject that's not available at your school, try out a course for size, or do a Foundation Apprenticeship (available for S5 and S6) alongside your Nationals and Highers.

If you're about to leave school you might be thinking of studying for a degree, or taking a shorter course which will help you enter the world of work. We offer a flexible structure in most subjects - so you can begin with a one-year NC course, for example, then progress to HNC, HND or degree level study if it's right for you.

Full time courses generally require you to attend classes for about 20 hours a week, though subjects vary.

We also offer a Modern Apprenticeship programme, where students study towards nationally recognised qualifications while in work.

In some areas we also offer access and introduction courses that can help you make the leap from school to college or university.

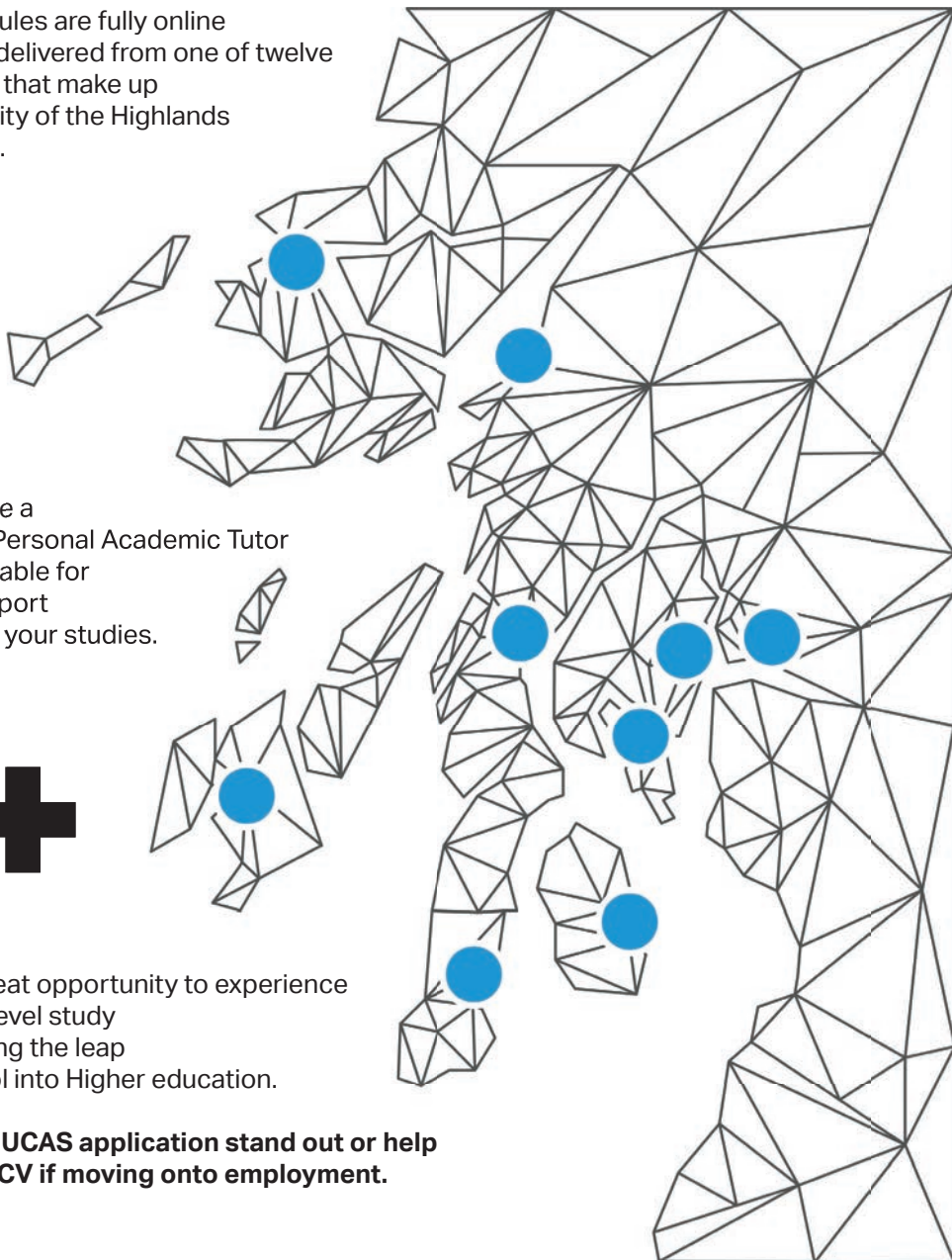
# Advanced studies



Pupils moving into S6 now have greater choice and flexibility over subjects to study.

Along with our partners across UHI, there are a wide range of Degree Level Modules available to you that can be studied at anytime from anywhere.

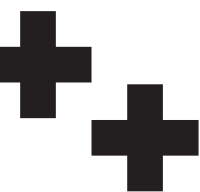
These modules are fully online and will be delivered from one of twelve institutions that make up the University of the Highlands and Islands.



You will have a dedicated Personal Academic Tutor who is available for course support throughout your studies.

This is a great opportunity to experience university level study before taking the leap from school into Higher education.

**Make your UCAS application stand out or help build your CV if moving onto employment.**



## **National 5 and Highers**

- + S5 and S6 pupils can apply for National 5 and Higher courses at College that may not be available on their school curriculum.

## **National Progression Award (NPA)**

- + Delivered by partnerships between schools, colleges and employers, NPAs assess skills in specialist vocational areas like construction, childcare and digital literacy.
- + They also link to National Occupational Standards, which are the basis of SVQs.

## **Foundation Apprenticeships (FA)**

- + These aim to give young person experience of the world of work and gain industry knowledge while you're still at school. There are various subjects to choose from and all were designed in partnership with employers.

## **Professional Development Awards (PDA)**

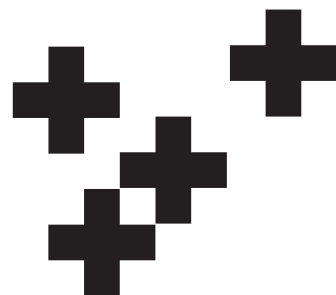
- + PDAs are flexible qualifications and can be used to either extend or broaden professional and vocational skills.

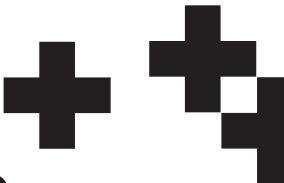
## **Degree Modules**

- + These courses give you a taste of what studying at degree level is like by allowing you to study a module from one of our degree courses.

## **Short courses**

- + As a learning hub for the whole Argyll community, we offer a wide range of short courses to help local people and businesses attain their immediate goals, for work and for life.
- + These courses include First Aid, IT skills and more.





# Entry requirements and progression routes



Some courses have specific entry requirements. Entry to all other courses will be based on your application form and/or interview.

## Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

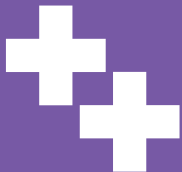
The SCQF Framework allows you to compare levels across different awards, build a progression route to your desired qualification, and transfer credit from one award to another.

For more information please visit the SCQF website at: [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework.

SCQF Level	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications at Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SFQs
12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Master's Degree, Integrated Master's Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Postgraduate Apprenticeship SFQ
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9				Professional Development Award	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SFQ
8		Higher National Diploma			Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SFQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Diploma Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SFQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SFQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SFQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SFQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

## Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)

The SQA is the public body responsible for accrediting educational awards in Scotland. The table shows the levels and credit points for SQA units, courses and group awards.

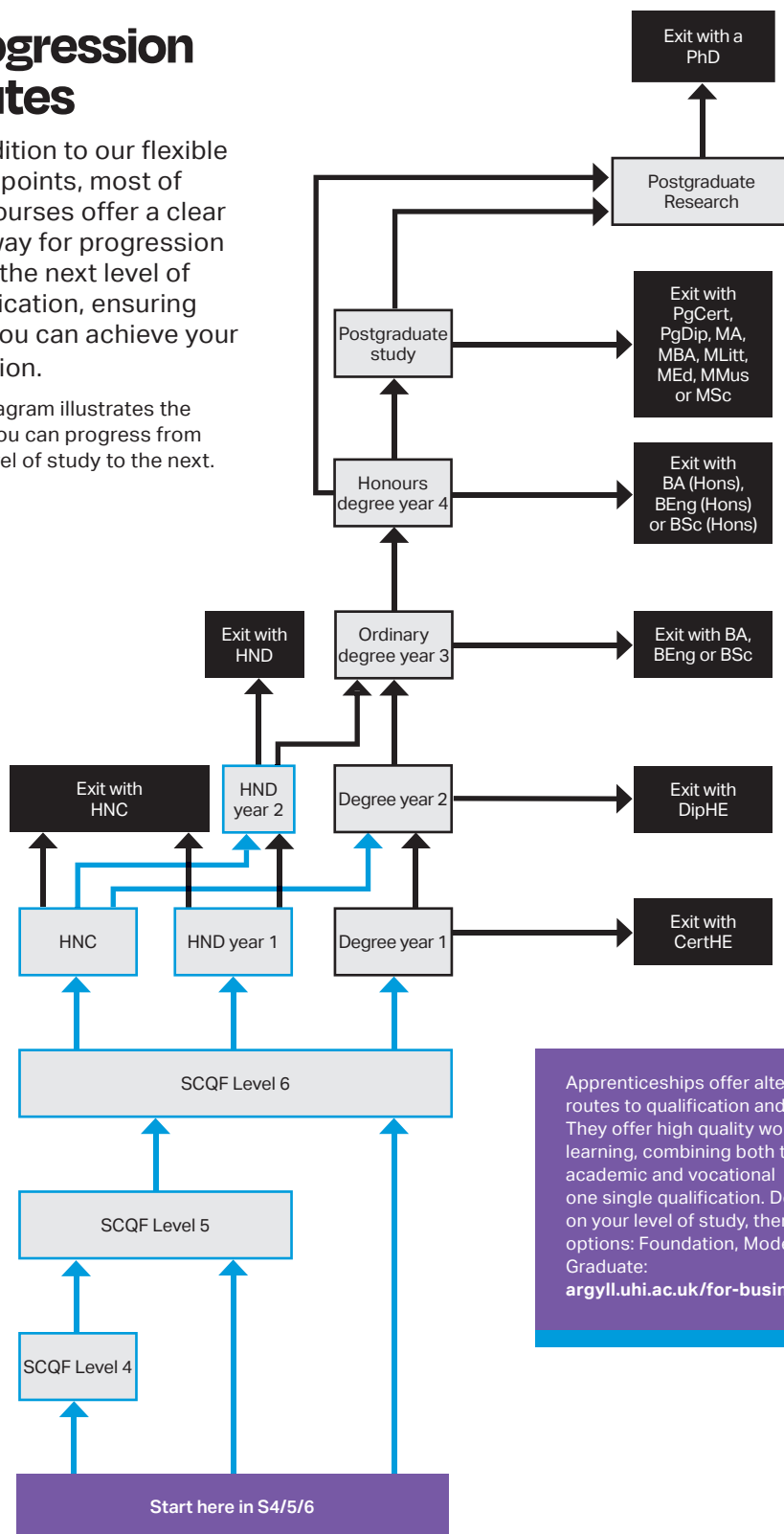




# Progression routes

In addition to our flexible entry points, most of our courses offer a clear pathway for progression on to the next level of qualification, ensuring that you can achieve your ambition.

This diagram illustrates the ways you can progress from one level of study to the next.



Apprenticeships offer alternative routes to qualification and employment. They offer high quality work-based learning, combining both the best of academic and vocational learning in one single qualification. Depending on your level of study, there are three options: Foundation, Modern and Graduate:  
[argyll.uhi.ac.uk/for-business](http://argyll.uhi.ac.uk/for-business)

# Computing & Digital

## NPA Cyber Security

SCQF 5



### What skills will you gain?

This course will raise your awareness of cyber security. You will improve your cyber hygiene and enable you to identify security weaknesses safely, legally, and ethically.

### What units will I study?

- ✚Data Security
- ✚Digital Forensics
- ✚Ethical Hacking

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### Entry requirements

You should already have three National 4 qualifications, one of which must be English. You will be invited for an interview.

### How will I be assessed

Assessments will be undertaken throughout the course and will require written submissions, open and/or closed book assessments conducted under exam conditions.

### Where will it take me?

Once you have successfully completed the course, you may wish to consider the PDA at SCQF Level 7 in Cyber Resilience.

**SCQF Credit Points 18**

# NPA Computer Games Development

SCQF 6



## What skills will you gain?

You will acquire an understanding of the concepts and fundamental principles involved in digital gaming planning and design.

You learn how to recognise and distinguish differences between numerous gaming platforms, environments and genres.

You will plan and design a level in a digital game and be introduced to the role of the games designer.

You will acquire an understanding of the different types of media asset required for developing a digital game.

You will learn how to plan and produce media assets for use in a game development environment.

You will gain an understanding of the processes involved in the final stages of development of a digital game.

You will learn how to use your chosen game development environment to bring together all the parts and produce a working game.

You will gain an understanding of the evaluation process and then you will then go on to plan, create and deliver a

## What units will I study?

- + Computer Games: Design
- + Computer Games: Development
- + Computer Games: Media Assets

NETWORKED

## Entry requirements

You should already have three National 5 qualifications, preferably including a computing, administration or IT subject. You will be invited for an interview.

## How will I be assessed

You will be assessed on a portfolio of your work which you will compile as you undertake this course.

## Where will it take me?

Successful completion of this award could count towards an NC Computing with Digital Media or eventually HNC in Interactive Media or support your application into direct employment within the Web Development Sector.

**SCQF Credit Points 18**

# NPA Creative & Digital Media

SCQF 6



## What skills will you gain?

Do you love being creative? Have you thought about working in film, TV, radio, publishing, games or online media?

The NPA in Creative and Digital Media could be your foot in the door. Employers are looking for people who understand visual communication for their brands, how to build communities through web and social media platforms and have design and technical skills. You'll try out creative roles and build the practical skills and experience you need to do the job well.

If you want to progress your studies you'll have the option to continue on to the Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media.

## What units will I study?

- ✦ Creative industries: an introduction - Scotland
- ✦ Storytelling for the creative industries
- ✦ Understanding the creative process
- ✦ Understanding a creative brief

## Entry requirements

You should already have three National 5 qualifications, preferably including a computing, administration or IT subject. You will be invited for an interview.

## How will I be assessed

You will be assessed on a portfolio of your work which you will compile as you undertake this course.

## Where will it take me?

On completion of this course, you may progress onto HNC or HND in Digital Media

**SCQF Credit Points 30**

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# FA Creative & Digital Media

SCQF 6

## What skills will you gain?

Do you love being creative? Have you thought about working in film, TV, radio, publishing, games or online media?

A Foundation Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media could be your foot in the door. Employers are looking for people who understand visual communication for their brands, how to build communities through web and social media platforms and have design and technical skills. You'll try out creative roles, shadow experienced professionals, or do a special project. You'll build the practical skills and experience you need to do the job well.

## What units will I study?

- + Work effectively with others in the creative industries
- + Ensure responsibility for actions to reduce risks to health and safety
- + Communicate using marketing/sales channels
- + Use digital and social media in marketing campaigns
- + Edit audio and video material
- + Media project
- + Foundation Apprenticeship certification unit

## Entry requirements

You should already have three National 5 qualifications, preferably including a computing, administration or IT subject. You will be invited for an interview.

## How will I be assessed

Assessments will be undertaken throughout the course and will require written submissions, observations of you participating in (mock) workplace scenarios and open and/or closed book assessments conducted under exam conditions.

## Where will it take me?

On completion of this course, you may progress onto HNC or HND in Digital Media

**SCQF Credit Points 63**

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# Business

## NPA Business & Marketing

SCQF 5

### What skills will you gain?

This NPA (National Progression Award) provides knowledge and skills in Business and Marketing. It covers areas like market research, promotion, event organisation, customer care, and selling skills. It's directly relevant to current practices and will enhance your understanding of the business sector.

### What units will I study?

- + Understanding Business
- + Management of People and Finance
- + PC Passport: IT Software — Word Processing and Presenting Information
- + PC Passport: IT Software —Web Apps: Spreadsheets

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### Entry requirements

You should already have three National 4 qualifications, one of which must be English. You will be invited for an interview.

### How will I be assessed

Assessments will be undertaken throughout the course and will require written submissions and observations of you participating in (mock) workplace scenarios.

### Where will it take me?

- + Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills - at school
- + Modern Apprenticeship in Business and Administration – work-based

SCQF Credit Points 30

# Social Sciences

## Psychology

National 5

### What skills will you gain?

Psychology is defined as 'the scientific study of the mind and behaviour'.

You will study psychological concepts, theories and terminology; human behaviour; using research evidence to explain human behaviour; interpret basic descriptive statistics in psychological research, including the ability to calculate the mean, median and mode.

You will be required to submit an assignment which will be a report based on background research on a topic in psychology. You are not required to carry out the research for this assignment.

### What units will I study?

- + Individual behaviour
- + Research
- + Social behaviour

### Entry requirements

You should already have three National 4 qualifications, one of which must be English. You will be invited for an interview.

### How will I be assessed

You are required to submit a project assignment in April which will be worth 30% of your total mark, and undertake a formal written exam at the end of the course worth 70% of the overall mark.

### Where will it take me?

- + Higher Psychology
- + Further study in other academic and vocational subjects

SCQF Credit Points 24

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# Higher Psychology

SCQF 6



## What skills will you gain?

Psychology is defined as 'the scientific study of the mind and behaviour'. As well as a basic interest in human behaviour, you should have a basic grasp of scientific principles and the ability to analyse and evaluate theories and research studies. Assessment will involve describing relevant knowledge, analysing and evaluating this knowledge in terms of its scientific content, practical applications, ethical considerations etc. You will design an experiment/non-experiment based on a SQA candidate brief and write up a research report. This is worth 40% of the final mark and is marked externally. There is also a requirement to complete one piece of practical coursework.

## What units will I study?

- + Individual Behaviour
- + Research
- + Social Behaviour

# Higher Sociology

SCQF 6



## What skills will you gain?

- +an understanding of society through gaining knowledge and understanding of sociological perspectives, theories and concepts
- +the ability to challenge common-sense explanations about human social behaviour using sociological understanding and evidence
- +an understanding of cultural and social diversity, including the significance of relationships among individuals, groups and institutions in a changing social world
- +an understanding of the role of sources of information, research evidence and research methods used in sociology
- +research skills, including the ability to select, organise, analyse and evaluate information " thinking and communication skills used in sociology

## What units will I study?

- + Human Society
- + Culture and identity
- + Social Issues

## Entry requirements

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You must already have Higher English, plus three National 5 qualifications which would ideally include Nat 5 Psychology. You will be invited for an interview.

## How will I be assessed

You are required to submit a project assignment in April which will be worth 40% of your total mark, and undertake a formal written exam at the end of the course worth 60% of the overall mark.

## Where will it take me?

Higher Psychology is suitable preparation for entry to higher education courses in psychology or further study in other academic and vocational subjects.

**SCQF Credit Points 24**

## Entry requirements

NETWORKED

You must already have Higher English, plus three National 5 qualifications which would ideally include Nat 5 Psychology. You will be invited for an interview.

## How will I be assessed

Assessments will be undertaken throughout the course and will require written submissions.

## Where will it take me?

Higher Sociology is suitable preparation for entry to higher education courses in Social Sciences or further study in other academic and vocational subjects.

**SCQF Credit Points 24**



# Health & Social care

## SfW Health Sector Skills

SCQF 5

### What skills will you gain?

The Health Sector is one of the largest employers in the country and provides employment opportunities through a varied range of disciplines. Primary and secondary care in the NHS are the most common routes to employment, but this course will cover other areas such as complementary therapies, the retail pharmaceutical industry and the community and voluntary sectors.

You will learn about the services provided by the Health Sector in your local area, the life sciences industry and their role in the diagnosis and treatment of illness, the importance of promoting a healthy lifestyle and the structure and function of the cardiovascular system.

You will also look at the health and safety risks to workers in the Health Sector and learn about the range and diversity of careers in non-clinical roles in the Health Sector.

### What units will I study?

- ✦ Working in the Health Sector
- ✦ Life Sciences Industry and the Health Sector
- ✦ Improving Health and Wellbeing
- ✦ Physiology of the Cardiovascular System
- ✦ Working in Non-Clinical Roles

### Entry requirements

NETWORKED

You should already have three National 4 qualifications, one of which must be English. You will be invited for an interview.

### How will I be assessed

Assessments will be undertaken throughout the course and will require written submissions and observations of you carrying out practical tasks.

### Where will it take me?

- ✦ A Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare – at school
- ✦ A Modern Apprenticeship in the Health sector – work based
- ✦ Access to Nursing Course – at college
- ✦ SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare – at college
- ✦ Nursing Degree – at university

**SCQF Credit Points 24**

# Childcare

## FA Social Services (Children and Young People)

SCQF Level 6

### What skills will you gain?

On this Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll learn to support children and young people in early years and childcare settings. You'll investigate safeguarding, health and safety, wellbeing, play, communication and child development, and how to use this safely and professionally in real workplaces. You'll also develop wider work skills like teamwork, problem solving, planning, reflection and professional behaviour in a regulated care environment.

### What units will I study?

You will work towards a National Progression Award (NPA) plus SVQ units at SCQF Level 6:

- ✦ Safeguarding of Children and Young People (HF5D 46) – 6 credits
- ✦ Play for Children and Young People (HF5A 46) – 6 credits
- ✦ Communication with Children and Young People (HF5F 46) – 6 credits
- ✦ Development of Children and Young People (HF59 46) – 3 credits
- ✦ Promote the Wellbeing and Safety of Children and Young People (HF5E 46) – 3 credits
- ✦ Support effective communication (H5KP 04) – 10 credits
- ✦ Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals (H5NB 04) – 10 credits
- ✦ Develop your own knowledge and practice (H5L5 04) – 8 credits
- ✦ Support the safeguarding of children (H5L4 04) – 9 credits

In total, you complete 61 SCQF credit points.

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### Entry requirements

You should already have three National 5 qualifications, one of which must be English. You will be invited for an interview.

### How will I be assessed

You will be assessed continuously through written tasks, projects and a portfolio for the NPA units, plus observation and assessment of your practice in a real or simulated workplace for the SVQ units. You'll gather evidence during placement to show that you can work safely, communicate well and support the care, learning and development of children and young people to national standards.

### Where will it take me?

When you finish, you will have a good degree of knowledge and work experience which will make you an ideal candidate for the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7.

The FA can also help you move on to further study such as HNC/HND Social Services or Childhood Practice, and related degrees or Graduate Apprenticeships in social services and early years.

**SCQF Credit Points 61**





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