

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

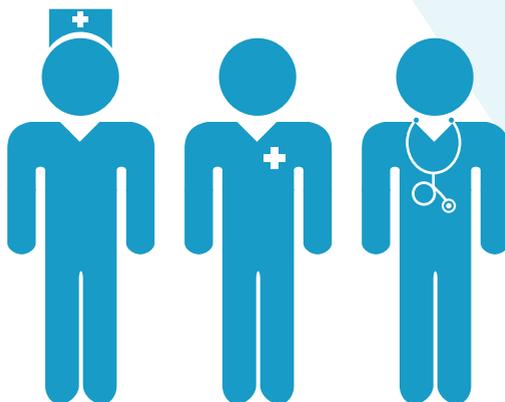


Caring and compassionate professionals are at the heart of the Health and Social Care sector. The hours may be long but the satisfaction of making a material difference to people's lives is unique.

There are many opportunities to build a career in social work and social care.

Working with adults or children and young people with a variety of needs and in different settings. You'd support vulnerable people to overcome issues and achieve their aspirations.

13%
of Argyll's
workforce
is in Health &
Social Care



203,000



Employed in
Social Care
in Scotland



+9.5%
6 year job
forecast



UK average salary
£21,320



2018



SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTHCARE SVQ

SCQF

Levels: 6 and 7

Locations

All Argyll College Centres

What next

SVQ Social Services & Healthcare Level 9, CPD Leadership and Management in Care.

These courses are ideal if you want gain recognition for your work in the social care sector, specialising in the care of adults. Work settings could include residential care for the elderly, working in the community, learning disability services, mental health, care at home etc.

It will take approximately one and a half years to complete your qualification, and the level of study will be dependent upon the responsibilities you have in your workplace.

Study and

Assessment Methods

You will have the support of a tutor who will attend your workplace to observe your practice. You will also have the opportunity to meet with your tutor away from the workplace where they will assist you in the completion of your portfolio of evidence.



Assessment is carried out by observation of your performance during your day-to-day work, which must be naturally occurring practice within your own work role, and will include application of knowledge and understanding.

Entry Requirements

You should be working or volunteering in a care setting with a current Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) registration.

Career Options

Residential care for the elderly, care at home, learning disability services, mental health worker.



SCQF

Level: 7

Locations

Lochgilphead
Learning Centre

What next

SVQ in Social Services
(Children and Young People)
at SCQF level 7 to 9, BA Child
and Youth Studies.

Peer support workers in the mental health sector, often now acknowledged as 'experts by experience', offer a unique insight and understanding that can only be gained through having been there yourself.

This course has been specifically developed to equip students with the learning and values necessary to utilise their own experiences to support others recovering from mental illness.

This course has been developed by the Scottish Recovery Network, and will help you to build up your skills in developing mutually empowering relationships, sharing personal voyages of recovery in a way that inspires hope and offering help and support as an equal rather than as an expert.

Study and Assessment Methods

You will study part time and will learn through a combination of workshops and self-study. Each unit will take approximately 40 hours of study. There will be written assessments and you will also produce a portfolio of evidence based on practical, real life experiences.

Entry Requirements

There are no specific entry requirements, although you should have personal experience of mental health problems and be able to provide evidence of good written and oral communication skills.

Career Options

Volunteer or peer support worker



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN DEMENTIA SKILLED PRACTICE PDA

SCQF

Level: 7

Locations

All Argyll College centres

This award has been designed to specifically reflect the knowledge and skills required by all staff working with people with dementia, their families and carers.

The award is aimed at health and social care support workers or practitioners, and is particularly suited to staff who already hold an approved care qualification.

You will develop a breadth of skills and knowledge identified by Nurse Education Scotland and Scottish Social Services Council as required by staff working in this area.

Studying online, allows you to fit your studies round work and personal commitments.

Study and

Assessment Methods

You will study the HN units online, part time whilst in employment. Assessment is carried out by observation of your performance during your day-to-day work, which must be naturally occurring practice within your own work role, and will include application of knowledge and understanding.



Entry Requirements

SVQ in a Care discipline at Level 7 or NC or HNC Social Care or Nursing qualifications or equivalent

If you do not have the formal entry qualifications you may still be considered and will be asked to complete a piece of written work to ensure you can work at the level required for this course

You must have current appropriate experience in working with people with dementia. You must also have access to a computer with the ability to develop skills in online learning, assessing website material and word processing of assignments

Career Options

PDA's are principally designed for those already in a career or vocation who wish to extend or broaden their skills base. On completion, you will receive an award that is recognised by care agencies.

**No. of credits**

18

SCQF

Level: 7

Locations

All Argyll College centres

This course is an essential part of training for all carers involved in the administration of medication in care homes, residential care or care at home services.

The award is recommended CPD for staff working in this sector. The Professional Development Award consists of two units: Administration of Medication and Administer Medication to Individuals.

You will develop the knowledge required to prepare for, administer, and monitor the effects of medication on individuals. You will also have an understanding of how to record and store, and dispose of medication safely.

The course will allow you to become more familiar with adverse reactions and how to respond to emergency situations.

Study and Assessment Methods

You will study part time whilst in employment. Assessment is carried out by observation of your performance during your day-to-day work, which must be naturally occurring practice within your own work role, and will include application of knowledge and understanding.

Entry Requirements

Literary subject at SCQF level 5 or above. SVQ in Health and Social Care at Level 6 or above. You should also have appropriate experience in the fields of health and care.

Career Options:

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