

# Health, Science and Social Care Professions

## Healthcare Senior Support Worker Level 3 Apprenticeship

### In Brief

#### Start Date / Duration

You can start an apprenticeship programme at any time throughout the year. The course will take 18-24 months to complete.

#### Entry Requirements

- It is desirable that you have English and maths at grade C/4 or above but this is not essential as Functional Skills is delivered as part of the apprenticeship programme.
- You need to be employed within a clinical setting or have an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice.
- Please see our **Apprenticeship vacancies**. <https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

#### You will achieve

Level 3  
Apprenticeship  
Standard in  
Healthcare  
Support.

### Course Overview

Senior Healthcare Support Workers help registered practitioners deliver healthcare services to people. As an experienced support worker, you carry out a range of clinical and non-clinical healthcare or therapeutic tasks, under the direct or indirect supervision of the registered healthcare practitioner. You provide high quality, compassionate healthcare.

Click here [<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/>] for further information regarding the Standard Apprenticeship.

## Course Content

Senior adult nursing support workers look after adults in a range of settings, duties will vary accordingly. In most instances your supervisor will be a registered nurse. Some people you support have short term needs; eg they have sustained an injury. Others may have long-term conditions which affect them every day, all their lives eg asthma, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, dementia, depression, stroke or arthritis. Many people suffer from more than one condition eg an older person who has sustained a fall and has a wound that needs regular dressing, may also have heart disease. Some people will need round the clock care, being able to do very little for themselves, requiring you to look after all their personal needs including feeding, washing, going to the toilet as well as carrying out clinical tasks like checking their blood pressure or pulse.

You will study core and optional units to ensure you will be able to:

- Promote physical and mental health and wellbeing, providing opportunistic brief advice on health and wellbeing
- Assist with an individual's overall comfort, identify and respond to signs of pain or discomfort
- Recognise issues and deteriorations in mental and physical health, report and respond appropriately, supporting others to do so
- Recognise limitations in mental capacity and respond appropriately
- Perform basic life support for individuals

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by your assessor using a portfolio of evidence, observations in the workplace and assignments. You will be assessed both in college and in your place of work.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

You will need access to a mobile phone, laptop or mobile tablet.

## Where will I study?

You will study within the workplace and attend classes at Barnsley College Sci Tech Centre, Falcon Street, Barnsley, S70 2EY.

## What can I do next?

On successful completion of this apprenticeship you will be a competent and job-ready Senior Healthcare Support Worker.

## How much does the course cost?

There is no cost to being an apprentice. All costs associated with your apprenticeship, including the cost of training and your salary, will be paid by your employer.

## Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

## Extra information

### Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216 166 or email: [apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk) [<mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk>]

## Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and Honeywell Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>].

## Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

## English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards achieving a higher grade in English and Maths, we can help you do that too and we offer Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) which can be added to your study programme.

If you're aged 19 or above and don't hold a a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths we can help. We offer FREE English and Maths qualifications that can be studied on a part-time basis, subject to eligibility.

If you need any further information, please contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing [info@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk) [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

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