

# Health, Science and Social Care Professions

Assistant Practitioner Health and Social Care Foundation  
Degree FdSc – HTQ

## In Brief

Start Date / Duration

Entry Requirements

You will  
achieve

This course starts again in September 2025. The full-time course runs for two years and will be delivered over two days per week. It is also expected that students undertake a 200 hour work placement throughout the course in order to meet the learning outcomes of the programme. The placement is usually completed over two days per week from January to May (this is in addition to the classroom-based learning).

48 UCAS points from one of the following:

- Access to HE Diploma from a QAA recognised Access to HE course
- A Levels, AS Levels, CACHE qualifications, BTEC Diplomas, T Levels and other Level 3 qualifications will be considered with related work experience

### Plus

- Normally GCSE English Language or English Literature and mathematics at grade C or above or equivalents (please see below)

### *GCSE English and mathematics equivalents*

- Level 2 Adult Numeracy /Literacy
- Level 2 Key Skills /Application of Number
- Equivalency test from [www.equivalencytesting.co.uk](http://www.equivalencytesting.co.uk)

Foundation Degree in Assistant Practitioner Health and Social Care.

### Personal qualities

- You must be able to demonstrate your potential to be caring and compassionate and the ability to develop meaningful relationships with service users and carers.

### You will also need

- [Disclosure and Barring Service \(DBS\)](#) clearance to enable you to undertake placements in settings with children and vulnerable adults.
- Occupational health screening (to determine your suitability to undertake the course). DBS and occupational health screening will be requested at your expense.

This flexible foundation degree is a work based learning award which combines health and social care education with either existing employment or work placements to develop your skills and competencies for a wide range of roles across health, social or community care sectors.

The course, which is an award of Sheffield Hallam University, has two routes. For those already employed in assistant or support worker roles in health, social or community care the course allows you to complete both the Higher Apprenticeship in Health (Assistant Practitioner) and the Foundation Degree. The course provides you with your continuing personal and professional development and depending on your employer, would allow you to undertake a Band 4 Associate /Assistant role.

For those of you who are not in employment the course will provide you with a placement in a suitable health, social or community care role, which will allow you to develop the necessary skills and competencies alongside your academic studies to complete the Foundation Degree.

This HTQ [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/higher-technical-qualifications-htqs/>] provides the opportunity to gain the proper training, knowledge and skills to be successful in the workplace. Visit the HTQ page [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/higher-technical-qualifications-htqs/>] for further information.

## Course Content

Year 1:

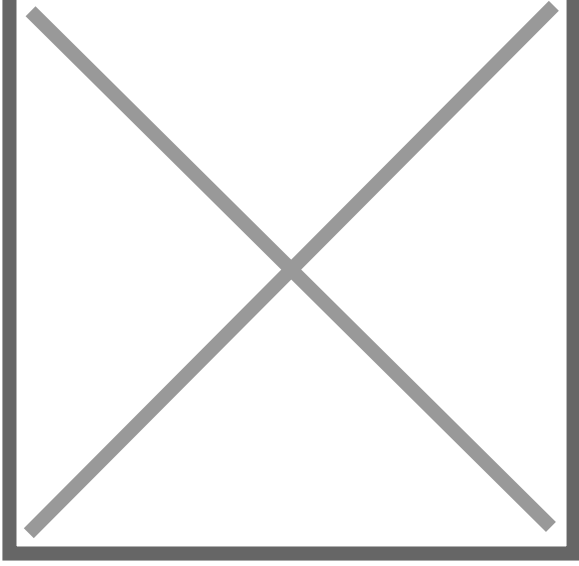
- Transition to Higher Education (20 credits)
- Essential sciences for person-centred care (40 credits)
- Integrated holistic assessment, delivery and implementation of health and social care interventions (20 credits)
- Work-based learning 1 (40 credits)

Year 2:

- Promoting health, wellbeing and independence (20 credits)
- Leadership and management (20 credits)
- Work-based learning 2 (40 credits)
- Transition to Professional Practice (40 credits)

The evidence for the work based learning modules in Year 1 and 2 will be sought from a suitable health, social or community role from either existing employment or a work placement.

**Also available as a Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship – Assistant Practitioner (Health).** To be eligible to apply you should be employed in a suitable health, social care or community setting and work enough hours each week so that you undertake sufficient, regular training and on-the-job activity ( e.g. 30 + hours per week). The Higher Apprenticeship is funded by your employer and therefore your employer must also approve your application. The course will deliver against the nationally recognised Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard [<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/healthcare-assistant-practitioner>] . For further details please call us on 01226 216 123.



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## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by completing a variety of appropriate assessments. These include; Assessments of practice, reflective portfolios, written assignments, literature reviews, case studies, presentations and interviews.

## What Equipment Will I Need?

You will need writing materials, paper, pens and folders.

## Where will I study?

TBC

## What can I do next?

Examples of future job roles following the completion of the course are as follows;

Clinical Support Worker  
Family Support Worker  
Social Care Manager  
Rehabilitation Assistant

On successfully completing your Foundation Degree, you could study a BSc (Hons) in Health and Social Care Studies (top-up) , taught at the validating university.

See what careers are available in the Health and Social Care

[<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Health-careers-2023-24.pdf>] and Applied Science [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Applied-Science-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sectors. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=&region=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

## How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £6,995\* per year for those that enrol in September 2025 (\*subject to approval from the Office for Students).

## Extra information

### Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) Higher Education

We offer a service to any student who has a diagnosis of anything persistent or long-term which might interfere with how they study and manage their day-to-day academic engagement. The service is flexible and shaped around the needs of each individual; it might be consistent support or intermittent support.

For further information please visit the Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education/dds-at-higher-education/>] web page for more information.

### HE Student Finance

As a Higher Education student living in England you may be eligible for the non-means tested Tuition Fee Loan from the Government and a Maintenance Loan.

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for a Childcare Grant or Adult Dependents' Grant. Students can apply for these at the same time as applying for a Maintenance Loan.

Remember: Eligible students will not have to pay tuition fees in advance and can apply for the Maintenance Loan before they start the course.

Visit the Student Finance page on the Government website [<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance>] for further details and to apply.

### Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email [info@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk) [<mailto:info@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/>].

### Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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