

Course title	SCQF level	Venue	Days of Delivery	Times	Local Authority area
Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services, Children and Young People - 2 years	Level 6	Belmont Academy	<u>Year 1</u> Tuesday and Thursday  <u>Year 2</u> 1 day work placement  Tuesday class attendance	2:00-4:00   Full day  2:00 –4:00	East Ayrshire North Ayrshire South Ayrshire

### Is this course for me?

You can work with children and young people in a range of careers from Early Years Practitioner to Social services. Early year's provision has changed significantly over the years. Today effective early learning and childcare experiences are recognised as playing a key role in future life chances and achievement for children and young people.

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This course will help you gain the knowledge and understanding you will need to work successfully in early learning and childcare. It will also develop your knowledge, practical skills, and qualities for working with children and young people.

You can choose a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services, Children & Young People as one of your school subject choices. The course takes 2 years to complete, starting in S5 and finishing at the end of S6. You will spend part of your week at college and can get involved in stay, play and learn sessions with local early learning and childcare service. In year two you will go out on work experience so that your occupational competencies can be assessed. And don't worry about getting to and from college/employer – all your transport will be organised and paid for too.

### What's this course about?

This course lets you find out what a career in social services would really be like - and if it's right for you.

It includes:

- The National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services: (Children and Young People)
- The Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) Social Services (Children and Young People).

Here's a bit more on what's involved:

#### NPA

The NPA will give you the knowledge you need for the SVQ, along with the practical skills required for delivering early learning and childcare opportunities for children.

#### Units include:

- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Play for Children & Young People
- Communication with Children & Young People
- Development of Children & Young People
- Promoting Wellbeing of Children & Young People

#### SVQ

You will have the opportunity to undertake 6 units to achieve the full SVQ Level 2 Social Services (Children and Young People).

You must complete these units:

- Support Effective Communication
- Support the Health & Safety of Yourself and Individuals
- Develop your own Knowledge and Practice
- Support the Safeguarding of Children
- Support the Development of Children and Young People
- Support Children's Learning Through Play

**Work Experience - Arrangements for work placements will be organised in accordance with COVID government guidance.**

As well as formal college tuition, you will also gain work related experience, such as work placements, work shadowing, industry visits, an industry challenge and training.

In Year 1, you need to do this for at least 10 days (or equivalent hours) – we'll help you find a placement that you can fit in around your school and college classes. This could be in out of school care services.

In Year 2, you will be out on placement for one full day per week usually Thursday. Ideally, this placement will be in an early learning and childcare centre or early primary placement.

**What do I need to apply?**

**Qualifications**

For a place on this course, you will need:

- To have at least 4 National 5 qualifications including English or Literacy.
- To be capable of working at SCQF Level 6 (Higher level), your Guidance Teacher can advise you on this.
- Eligible for Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.
- To be able to complete all the necessary hours in a work placement (10 days or equivalent in Year 1, one full day a week in Year 2). **Arrangements for work placements will be organised in accordance with COVID government guidance.**
- Selection for a place on this course is based on pupils meeting the above requirements and completing a Microsoft Forms task which will be emailed to you; your personal statement and task content will be used to assess your suitability for this course.

**Skills**

Working in social services setting means you also need to be able to:

- Interact and communicate respectfully with children and staff
- Work with others
- Problem solve.

**Values**

A commitment to appropriate values is very important. If you are interested in a career in social services you can use the interactive resource **a question of care: a career for you**. Here, you will answer a series of questions and receive a detailed personal profile at the end. A commitment to appropriate values is necessary and you can demonstrate this partly through responses in this resource.

**How will I be assessed?**

The NPA Units are assessed in college and the SVQ Level 2 units are assessed in the workplace. These assessments are a mixture of written reflective accounts & practical application – you will carry out tasks and your assessor will observe you and say when you have shown that you can do them to the require occupational standard.

You will also keep a reflective log and produce accounts of practice to demonstrate your knowledge of related legislation, policies, theories, professional values and practical skills.

Your SVQ Assessor will visit you regularly to make sure you are doing well and on track with your vocational qualification.

### **Next steps?**

Successful completion of this Foundation Apprenticeship includes Scottish Social Services Council registration eligibility for support worker in day care of children services. Most jobs in day care of children services are at practitioner level and certification for these roles is at SVQ 3, but some employers use SVQ 2 as entry to SVQ 3.

Once you have achieved this Foundation Apprenticeship, you will have an industry recognised qualification and extensive work experience which will really help in your future career. It will support your progress whether you plan to study at college on the HNC Childhood Practice or enrol on a Modern Apprenticeship or go straight into work.

You will have a solid basis for moving onto a Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People). This will qualify you as a support worker and practitioner in a range of services across the sector, such as day care services or out of school care as a nursery assistant or play leader.

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Once you've achieved this National Progression Award, you'll have a qualification which will really help in your future career progression. It will support your progress whether you plan to study at college on the HNC Childhood Practice or enrol on a Modern Apprenticeship.

Learners who choose to enter further or higher education on leaving school with the National Progression Award may follow other pathways into the early learning, childcare and playwork workforce such as completing the HNC in Childhood Practice in College.

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### Who is the Course for?

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- self-evaluation skills
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- flexible approaches to solving problems
- adaptability and positive attitude to change
- confidence to set goals, reflect and learn from experience
- skills to become effective jobseekers and employees

You will study four units, and these are: -

- Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- Play in Early Learning and Childcare
- Working in Early Learning and Childcare
- Care and Feeding of Children

To achieve the Course award, you must successfully achieve all the Units listed above.

### What do I Need?

You should have:

- Achieved or be working towards National 5 English
- A real interest in Early Learning and Childcare
- Be committed to consistent and full attendance throughout the course.

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### How will I be assessed?

The assessments used in this course will allow you to demonstrate a competence in key knowledge, skills and attitudes required in early education and childcare sector.

Assessment approaches will include closed book and project-based activities.

### Next Steps?

This Course may provide you with opportunities to progress to Early Learning and Childcare (SCQF level 6)

### What do current students say?

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