FdSc Professional Practice in Health & Social Care

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About the Course

This flexible course, validated by Sheffield Hallam University, is a work-based learning award that 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 the health/social/community care sectors.

The course offers two routes; entrants already employed in assistant or support worker roles in health, social or community care can 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.

Course Composition
Delivered over two years (full-time) you will spend 2 days a week in college, as well as working at your placement. You will be expected to spend an equal amount of time split between college, placement and self-directed study. Opportunities to receive both summative and formative feedback will be available to all students.

Students are advised attain a work placement/voluntary work in a health and social care setting prior to enrolment on the course. Guidance can be given to students about how to do so. Prospective students should be aware that 400 hours of work experience is a mandatory requirement of this course (split over two years). Students must be able to demonstrate potential to be caring and compassionate, and the ability to develop meaningful relationships with service users and carers.

You will also need to obtain a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check prior to starting your placement. If you already have an up to date DBS check via your employer it may be possible to extend this to cover you for the duration of the course.
Affiliation with Sheffield Hallam University
As an affiliated Sheffield Hallam course, students on this foundation degree can access a variety of facilities at Sheffield Hallam University, including the libraries at both Collegiate and City campuses (please note students will be required to take their own devices and connect using the Eduroam wi-fi service).

Students will also have access to a study-skills network (Skills4Study), Blackboard and ProQuest via Sheffield Hallam.

**Key Units**

**Year 1**
- Work Based Learning 1 - Academic
- Work Based Learning 1 - Practice
- Reflective & Personal Development Skills
- Essential Science for Person Centred Care
- Holistic Assessment, Delivery & Implementation of Health & Social Care Interventions
- Foundations for Effective Collaborative Practice

**Year 2**
- Work Based Learning 2 - Academic
- Work Based Learning 2 - Practice
- Promoting Health, Wellbeing & Independence
- Using and Evaluating Evidence to Inform Practice
- Leadership & Management

**Entry Requirements**

Prospective students should hold one of the following:

- A minimum of **48 UCAS points** (please see [the UCAS website](https://www.ucas.com) for further details about the updated tariff system) from A Levels (including General Studies)
- Access to HE Diploma from a QAA recognised course

You must also have:

- GCSE English Language/Literature and Maths at grade C/4 or above OR
- Level 2 Adult Literacy/Numeracy; Level 2 Key Skills/Application of Number

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Applicants must be able to demonstrate potential to be caring and compassionate and the ability to develop meaningful relationships with service users and carers.
Assessment

Assessment methods will include:

- Assessment of practice
- Written assignments
- Interviews
- Reflective portfolios
- Literature reviews
- Case studies
- Presentations

Where does this Lead

On successful completion of the Foundation Degree you may be able to apply for a number of professional courses, providing you have appropriate work experience practice in a suitable setting relating to one of the following areas:

- BSc (Hons) Nursing [Adult]
- BA (Hons) Social Work
- BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
- BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography
- BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy

Many of these degrees may allow entry with advanced standing, meaning that you would join the second year of the degree course. This would be decided by assessment on an individual basis.

In addition to the above awards, a bespoke top-up degree is also offered, which will provide a route to achieving a full degree within one year after completion of the foundation degree. Students who successfully complete this foundation degree will be guaranteed acceptance onto this top-up course at Sheffield Hallam.

Future Opportunities

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How to Apply

Please note that applications for this course should be made through UCAS. UCAS course application code: L5L5
College institution code: S22

Further Information

Additional information about higher education courses at The Sheffield College can be found here.
If you have any further queries please email the University Centre via heunit@sheffcol.ac.uk leaving your name, contact details, the title of the course you are interested in and a brief summary of your query. Alternatively, you can call the college on 0114 260 2600.

The Sheffield College is a registered provider with the Office for Students.

Terms and Conditions
You can find details of our higher education policies, procedures and T&Cs here.

Extra Costs
Students must obtain a current DBS check, which is currently priced at approximately £52.

Students will have an option to purchase a uniform at an additional cost, however this is not a mandatory purchase.