

Department of Health, Science and Social Care Professions

FdSc Professional Practice in Health and Social Care / Higher Apprenticeship in Assistant Practitioner (Health)



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Meet the team

Thank you for your interest in studying the FdSc Professional Practice in Health and Social Care/Higher Apprenticeship in Assistant Practitioner (Health) within the Department of Health, Science and Social Care Professions at Barnsley College.

The course aims to provide a specialist work-related programme of study that covers the key knowledge, understanding and practical skills required in the health and social care sector. The course is designed to boost your future career prospects within the health and social care sector and offers particular emphasis through your choice of specialist units. You will have the opportunity to gain valuable real life experience from work placements and will be taught by staff with a wide range of expertise gained by working in the sector.

Our students say the best things about studying with us are:

“It is not as impersonal as large universities.”

“There is a nice atmosphere.”

“It is a really nice building.”

“It’s local so there’s no living away from home costs.”

If you have any questions about the course, assessments or teaching please do not hesitate to contact us:



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About the course



Overview

This flexible foundation degree 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.

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.

Course length

Two years full-time

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Course units*:

Year 1

- Work Based Learning
- Reflective and Personal Development Skills
- Essential Sciences for Person Centred Care**
- Holistic Assessment, Delivery and Implementation of Health and Social Care Interventions

Year 2

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

The evidence for the work based learning modules in year 1 and 2 will be demonstrated through suitable health, social or community roles from either existing employment or a work placement.

This will comprise of 200 hours in the first year and 200 hours in the second year.

**Please note: The modules on Essential Sciences for Person Centred Care and Promoting Health, Wellbeing and Independence are both 40 credit modules. All other modules listed are 20 credit modules.



2021 Entry requirements

Normally GCSE English Language or English Literature and Mathematics at Grade C/4 or above or equivalents (please see below).

48 UCAS points from one of the following:

- A Levels, BTEC Nationals or CACHE qualifications. We accept AS Levels.
- Access to HE Diploma from a QAA recognised Access to HE course.
- Other Level 3 qualifications that attract UCAS points will be considered with related work experience.

GCSE English and mathematics equivalents to gain entry onto the FdSc:

- Level 2 Adult Numeracy/Literacy
- Level 2 Key Skills/Application of Number
- Equivalency test from www.equivalencytesting.co.uk

*Any changes to these course units will be listed at www.barnsley.ac.uk/highereducation/updates

Student Profile

Naomi Jones

Studying: Professional Practice in Health and Social Care Foundation Degree

"I believe that studying at Barnsley College is a great opportunity for anyone who is wishing to further their knowledge or expand their career prospects.

"The tutors on the Health and Social Care course are fantastic as they make the learning interesting by always using a range of teaching methods."

About the course

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.

Skill requirements

You will also need to demonstrate the ability to:

- Study academic subjects at degree level.
- Debate topics and issues.
- Draw on conclusions from written material.
- Study independently as well as in a group.
- Use computers and technology associated with contemporary teaching, learning and assessment methods.
- Successfully complete a range of assignments including researched essays and practical examinations.

These are normally achieved by completing academic study at Level 3 or above in the last four years.

As part of the selection process you will be required to attend an interview. You will also need a clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and occupational health screening (to determine your suitability to undertake the course). DBS and occupational health screening will be requested at your expense. The DBS will cost £40 and the occupational health screening will cost £50.*

Course length

The full-time course runs for two years and will be delivered over two days per week. It is also expected that students will undertake work placements throughout the programme in order to meet the learning outcomes of the programme.

Academic year

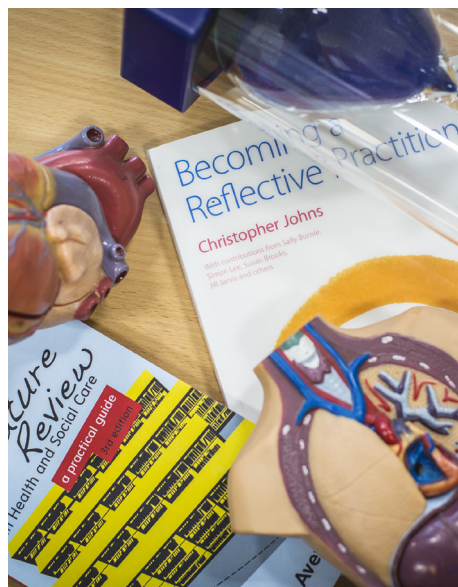
The academic year is divided into two semesters. Two modules will be studied in semester one and two modules in semester two. The remaining work-based modules will run throughout the year due to the content of the module.

Assessment

A range of assessments are used on the course, these include interviews, assessments of practice, reflective portfolios, written assignments, literature reviews, case studies and presentations.

Future study options

Once you have completed the Foundation Degree you will be able to apply for a number of professional courses such as nursing and social work.



*Fees correct as at February 2021

How to apply

How to apply and course fees

Please apply directly via UCAS for this course at www.ucas.com. The UCAS code is L5T8. The course costs £5,995 per year for 2021 entry. Call us on:

☎ 01226 216 123 if you require more information or advice about how to apply for the Higher Apprenticeship route.

Support available

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. For further details go to: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

A Maintenance Loan of up to £6,904 per year will be available to eligible students living with parents or up to £8,200 per year to those living away from home. EU students cannot apply.*

Students with children or dependant adults may qualify for Childcare Grant or Adult Dependants' 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. Apply online at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Disability and Dyslexia Service

If you have a disability, long term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia) you may be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowances. For further details go to:

www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Our Disability and Dyslexia Service works to provide you with the adjustments needed in response to your diagnosis. A range of study strategies will be fully explored with you so that we can offer you a positive learning experience whatever your disability or health issue.

For more information on the Disability and Dyslexia Service go to:

www.barnsley.ac.uk/highereducation/dd

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Student Profile

Hannah Johnson

Studying: Professional Practice in Health and Social Care Foundation Degree

"I enjoy learning about all aspects of my course and discussing experiences and opinions with others; we support each other throughout our studies and the tutors are fantastic!"

"I'd recommend Barnsley College to others as it is such a friendly and accommodating place to study. The staff go over and above to provide a brilliant environment to learn in."

Further information

Open Days

Our Open Days provide an ideal opportunity for you to meet our staff and students and have a look at our facilities. Our friendly and approachable staff are available on the day and will answer any questions you may have about the course.

We run a number of open days throughout the year, full details can be found at

📄 www.barnsley.ac.uk/higher-education-open-events

For further details on the FdSc Professional Practice in Health and Social Care course or the Higher Apprenticeship in Assistant Practitioner (Health) please contact our friendly Information Team on:

📞 01226 216 123 **or** ✉ info@barnsley.ac.uk **or** 🌐 www.barnsley.ac.uk

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