

Health, Science and Social Care Professions

Lead Practitioner in Adult Care Level 4 Apprenticeship

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

You can start an Apprenticeship at any time. Typically, 18 to 24 months depending on your prior experience and knowledge.

Entry Requirements

- You should be at least 18 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements.
- You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.
- You must undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) process and provide the result.
- You will need to find an employer to employ you as an apprentice. Please click [here](#) to view our Apprenticeship vacancies.

You will achieve

- Lead Practitioner in Adult Care Level 4 Apprenticeship Standard
- Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care.
- Apprentices without Level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this qualification prior to completion of their apprenticeship.

Course Overview

This qualification will support students to develop specialist knowledge and skills in their area of responsibility and enable them to promote a values-based culture within their setting.

This qualification can act as a progression route from the Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care qualification to the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services Adult pathway qualifications.

Through this qualification, you will gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required when working in lead practitioner roles in adult care provision.

If you would like to find out more about this apprenticeship you can visit the Institute for Apprenticeships website. Please click here. [<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/lead-practitioner-in-adult-care/>]

Course Content

The Lead Practitioner in Adult Care will guide and inspire their team members to make positive differences to the lives of those who are faced with physical, practical, social, emotional, psychological or intellectual challenges. They will have achieved a level of self-development to be recognised as a lead practitioner within the care team, contributing to, promoting and sustaining a values-based culture at an operational level.

A Lead Practitioner has a detailed depth of knowledge and expertise relating to particular conditions being experienced by the user of services. They will have specialist skills and knowledge in their area of responsibility which will allow them to lead in areas such as care needs assessment, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and enablement, telecare and assistive technology. They will be a coach and mentor to colleagues and will have a role in assessing performance and quality of care delivery.

Lead Practitioners in Adult Care may work in residential or nursing homes, domiciliary care, day centres, a person's own home or some clinical healthcare settings. As well as covering Lead Practitioners in Adult Care this standard also covers Lead Personal Assistants who can work at this senior level but they may only work directly for one individual who needs support and/or care services, usually within their own home.

The course covers a wide range of topics including:

- Communication skills
- Personal development
- Inclusive practice
- Safeguarding and protection
- Person-centred assessment
- Support planning
- Personalisation in care and support services
- Health and safety
- Professional practice
- Specialist areas of care
- Clinical skills
- Leadership skills

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through practical observations within the work place in addition to coursework.

Upon successful completion of the course you will be expected to undertake an End Point Assessment which includes:

- Observation of practice
- Professional discussion

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will require access to a computer and the internet.

Where will I study?

You will study within the workplace and will be expected to attend classes once a month with Barnsley College.

What can I do next?

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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 +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216166 or email: apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the 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/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>].

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

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 already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

Disclaimer

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

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