

Adult Care Worker v2.0

☆ Level 2 £ £4,500 🗓 12 months

1. What the role entails

The broad purpose of an adult care worker is to enhance the wellbeing, independence and dignity of individuals requiring care and support. Adult care workers play a crucial role in helping people overcome challenges and lead fulfilling lives. Their duties vary, based on the services provided and the specific needs of each individual. These duties can include practical support, such as meal preparation and personal care, as well as emotional and social support. The aim is to help individuals achieve their personal goals and live as independently and safely as possible, ensuring they have control and choice in their lives, which is central to person-centred care.

In their daily work, an adult care worker will interact with a range of colleagues, including multi-disciplinary teams, families, clinical practitioners, social workers, regulators, advocates and other professionals. Adult care workers are responsible for adhering to company procedures, processes and priorities.

2. On-programme

An apprentice will typically spend 12 months on-programme (this means in training before the gateway to completion) working towards occupational competence. They must spend a minimum of 8 months on-programme and complete the minimum off-the-job training, as stated in the apprenticeship funding rules.

The apprentice must receive training to develop the occupational standard's knowledge and skills (K&S) criteria and achieve English and maths in line with the DfE apprenticeship funding rules, if required.

While on-programme, apprentices must undertake a Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification which has been developed by the employer in association with Department of Health and Social Care and approved by Skills for Care.

3. Gateway to completion requirements

Gateway to completion should be used as the final opportunity to check an apprentice has met all the requirements for completion. An apprentice can only be put forward for gateway to completion when the apprentice and their employer (in consultation with the ITP) are content they have attained the sufficient knowledge, skills and behaviours to successfully complete the apprenticeship and the apprentice has achieved their on-programme requirements.

For the Level 2 Adult Care Worker, the requirements are:

- English and maths qualifications in line with the apprenticeship funding rules
- a Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification
- confirmation from the employer that the apprentice has met the behaviour requirements as set out in the apprenticeship assessment plan.

4. Apprenticeship assessment

There are no apprenticeship assessments to undertake for this apprenticeship.

5. Grade aggregation information

Please see the Level 2 Adult Social Care Certificate qualification specification for grading details.

6. Completion and certification

Once NCFE verifies the apprentice has successfully completed all gateway to completion requirements, they will activate certification. Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, the Independent Training Provider is responsible for apprenticeship certification.

7. What next?

On completion of this apprenticeship, typical job roles to progress into include, key worker, learning disability support worker, personal assistant, relief team worker and support worker.

NCFE also offer a range of complimentary social care apprenticeships that may provide suitable routes for further education and training at a higher level or in a more specialised capacity, including, Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker, Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker and Level 4 Lead Practitioner in Adult Care.

Why NCFE?

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