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County Durham Care Academy

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New Year- New Career

Find out how the Care Academy can help you start your amazing career in social care



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Fast Track into Employment



Find your perfect job today

The Care Academy also offers a fast-track route for people aged 18 or over who already have the basic skills needed to start a career in social care.

How it works

All you need do is complete a short application to tell us about your existing skills and experience and the type of role you're looking for. We'll then get in touch to discuss the different options available and how it can help you to find your ideal job.

We can also help with any training you might need.

If you wish to immediately apply for work, we will source suitable job opportunities for you and put you in contact with relevant employers.

We will also send you details of how to complete a Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check which we will provide to you free of charge.

Apply now by completing the online form:

[https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/service/Apply for Care Academy](https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/service/Apply%20for%20Care%20Academy)

Free training to start your career in adult social care



Starting a career in adult social care can be very rewarding. There are lots of different roles depending on what you want to do, who you would like to work with and where you would like to work.

The Care Academy offers free and flexible training to give you all the skills you need to start a career in adult social care - including personalised support and guaranteed interviews.

This free, part-time course runs over 6 weeks and can be either face-to-face or online.

The qualifications you gain at the end of the course will give you a good basis for starting your career in care.

There are no exams - just assessments!



Find out more by watching this video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alxxlp6Vn34

What you will learn

The course includes accredited qualifications in:

- Level 2 Food Safety
- Emergency First Aid and Manual Handling online modules
- Elements of the Care Certificate

At the end of the programme, you will be guaranteed an interview with a Health and Social Care provider.

How you will learn

This course is delivered both online in a virtual classroom (where you will need access to a computer/laptop and internet) and in community venues.

Next course



Our next course starts in

Newton Aycliffe

Monday 29th January

Find out more:

www.durham.gov.uk/ASCtraining



Free training to start a career in Children's Social Care

In County Durham we provide services for children and young people who require the support of dedicated and highly skilled care and support staff, particularly those who cannot live at home or those with an additional need who enjoy short breaks from home.

Who is the course for?

If you've got a caring nature and would like to make a real difference to the lives of children and young people in County Durham, this course is a great opportunity to get the entry-level skills needed to begin a rewarding career in children's social care.



Find out more by watching this video <https://youtu.be/iNwDrOWUBPAw>

Benefits

- Employability skills, employability and personal development including interview skills and preparation for work.
- Employment opportunities with a guaranteed interview with local children's social care providers.
- Free Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
- Establish a long-standing career pathway within the sector.

Next course



Spennymoor
Tuesday 30th January

To find out more:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/CSCtraining>

Personal Assistant Training

Personal Assistants are employed directly by someone who is managing and paying for their own care through social care Direct Payments or a personal health budget.



They work with both children and adults who have a range of needs



Find out more by watching our short animated film
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dzam28qrcA>

What do I need to become a Personal Assistant?

You don't necessarily need any qualifications to become a Personal Assistant. What is important is that you are a kind, compassionate and thoughtful person. Your employer might ask that you have qualifications showing good English and numeracy skills such as GCSE A-C in English and Maths. It might also be helpful to have a social care qualification such as a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care. Don't worry if you don't have these qualifications you can work towards them once you start the job.



Find out more by watching this video <https://youtu.be/ACa7oVr1iDY>

What will I learn on this course?

This is a two-day course which covers the following:

- What is a Personal Assistant?
- Safeguarding
- Infection Control
- Level 2 Food Safety
- Emergency First Aid
- Free Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Next course



Sjovoll Centre, Durham DH1 5BL
Thursday 9.30am-3.00pm 11 January 2024

The Venue, Stanley, DH9 6AH
Wednesday 9.30am-3.00pm 6 March 2024

Peterlee Pavilion, Peterlee SR8 1ER
Thursday 9.30am-3.00pm 25 April 2024

Sjovoll Centre, Durham DH1 5BL
Thursday 9.30am-3.00pm 6 June 2024

At the end of the course, you will be given details of how to register as a Personal Assistant and how to find and apply for current vacancies.

To find out more about course start dates visit our Personal Assistants Page:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/PersonalAssistants>