Caring Professions

Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Assistant Practitioner Health and Social Care

Campus: University Centre Rotherham
Code: U08HE01
Type: Part Time

This is a specialist Foundation Degree designed for adults wanting to progress towards a professional degree within the health and social care sector.

It has been designed in response to the rapidly changing workforce demands and policy initiatives aimed at modernising services and improving quality, productivity and efficiency. It covers both the academic and work-based competencies that are relevant to a multitude of roles within health and social care settings.

Why Study With Us?

After completion of Year 1 and a successful UCAS Application, the course has been designed to enable you to step-off and start Year 1 of a professional degree programmes within health and social care practice, such as (but not limited to):

- Nursing (Adult, Child, Mental Health)
- Midwifery
- Allied Health Professions
- Social Work

After completion of Year 2, a successful internal progression interview with Sheffield Hallam University and completion of additional work, the course has been designed to provide you with the opportunity to access specific professional degree programmes (with advanced entry to Year 2), of programmes such as:

- Nursing (Adult) – Year 2
- Allied Health Professions (Various) – Year 2
- Social Work – Year 2

In addition, you could progress onto Year 3 and complete a top-up year at Sheffield Hallam University, to achieve a BSc (Hons) Professional Practice in Health and Social Care.

Modules Covered

Year 1:

- Work Based Learning 1: Academic and Practice
- Reflective and Personal Development Skills
- Essential Sciences for Person-centred Care
- Integrated Holistic Assessment and Delivery of Health and Social Care Interventions

Year 2:

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

Entry Requirements

- GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above or equivalent
- Or Access to HE Diploma from a recognised HE course
- Or working in a senior role and your mentor/manager can support you to meet the requirements of the apprenticeship standard

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of the page.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this course (at Year 1 or Year 2) and further study, you can gain employment across a wide range of pathways including:

- Nursing (Adult, Child, Mental Health)
- Midwifery
- Allied Health Professions
- Social Work

In addition, this programme could help you obtain the higher level knowledge, skills and behaviours to enhance your professional development and gain employment in the wider sector:

- Care Worker
- Senior Carer

- Care Home Manager
- Healthcare Assistant
- Community Support and Outreach Worker

PLEASE NOTE

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2026-27. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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