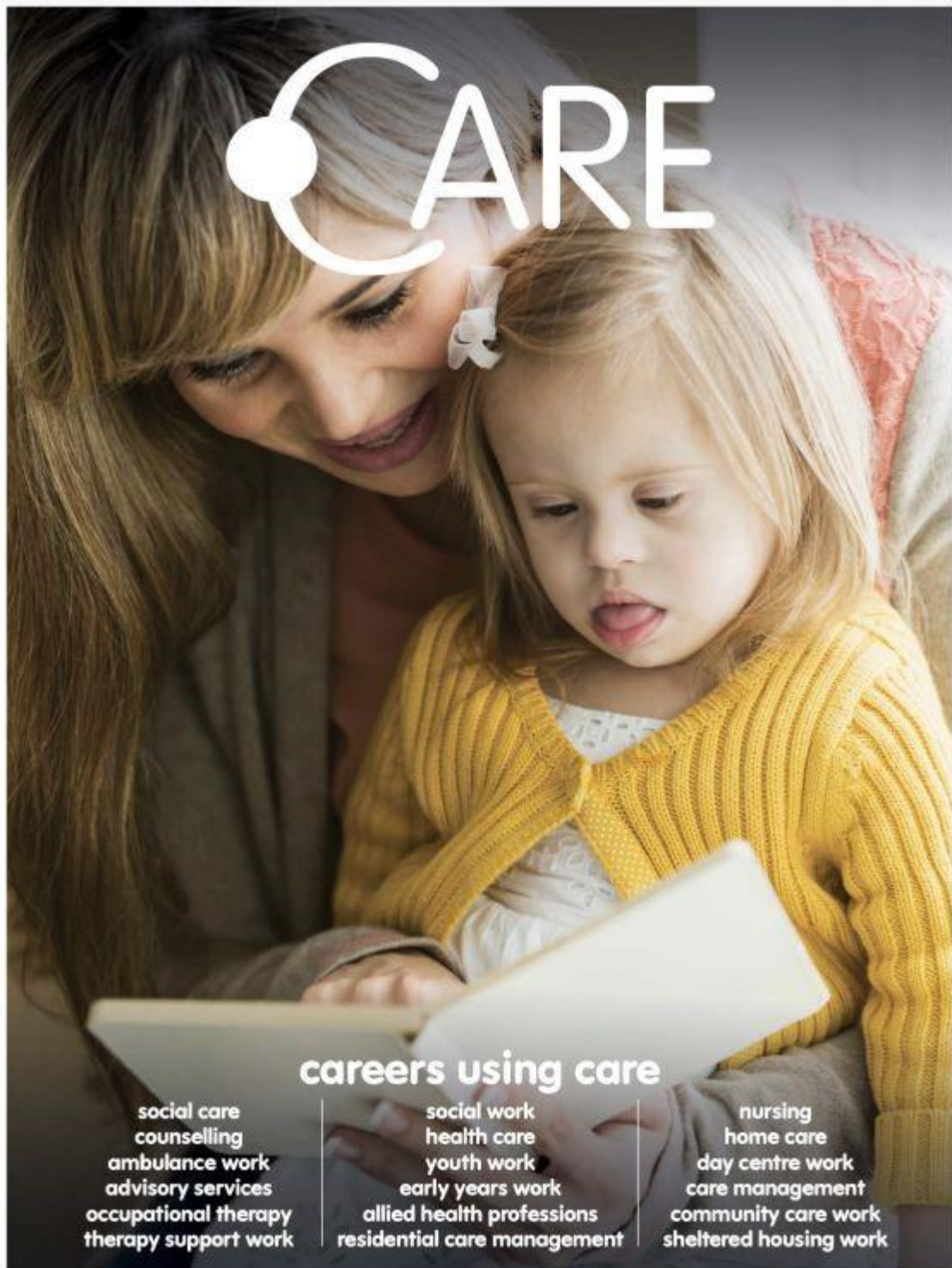


Careers in Health & Social Care



careers using care

social care
counselling
ambulance work
advisory services
occupational therapy
therapy support work

social work
health care
youth work
early years work
allied health professions
residential care management

nursing
home care
day centre work
care management
community care work
sheltered housing work



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5 WORK-SKILLS SOCIOLOGY

WILL GIVE YOU



RESEARCH



In school: You will learn to carry out research using “research instruments” including surveys and interviews, and by analysing data others have already collected (“secondary data”). You will learn the difference between qualitative and quantitative data, as well as structured, semi-structured and...

COMMUNICATION



In school: You will articulate what you have learnt through your primary and secondary research through essays, presentations, debates and discussions. You will also listen to the views and findings of your classmates and teachers, and reflect on how their ideas might fit in with or modify...

ANALYSIS



In school: You will analyse the data, theories and concepts found in past research – as well as your own. You will develop your own critical methodology and work systematically to resolve conflicting findings, select relevant data and modify your conclusions based on the evidence.

TEAMWORK



In school: Sociology is a social subject! You will collaborate with others on joint projects but you will also present to your peers and listen to their own findings in ways which will influence your own approach and ideas. Such teamworking relies on a flexible and openminded attitude and a willingness...



CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING



In school: You will learn how societal norms influence how people communicate and interact with others. This will help you appreciate why other societies have different rules to your own, and why various cultural groups within society may find different things...



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Careers in Health and Social

Health and social care is a vast service sector undergoing rapid change, with new government initiatives giving it a higher profile than ever. These developments mean there is likely to be a demand for well-trained, multi-skilled people. However, given the cutbacks in public sector funding, the NHS and the social care sector are being forced to face new challenges and to make enormous efficiency savings, which is likely to affect both patterns of working and staff recruitment.

Many services are changing radically or will cease to exist; new partnerships and fresh allegiances are being formed, all of which will have an impact on those in the public sector. It is likely that the private and not-for-profit sectors will play an increasing role in delivering health services thus increasing the range of employers in the sector.

New career pathways are opening up in which employees are increasingly taking on new and demanding roles in environments that are continually changing.

Jobs directly related to Health and Social include:

- Community development worker
- Further education teacher
- Health improvement practitioner
- Health service manager
- Medical sales representative
- Naturopath
- Secondary teacher

Jobs where Health and Social would be really useful include:

- Adult nurse
- Anatomical pathology technologist
- Counsellor
- Dental hygienist
- Dental technician
- Dental therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Personal trainer
- Physician associate
- Prosthetist/orthotist
- Special educational needs coordinator (SENCO)
- Social worker
- Youth worker

Typical employers

Many health studies graduates work in the public sector for:

- the NHS
- local authorities, including education departments and social services ● schools and colleges.
- You can also find work in the voluntary sector and with medical charities and not-for-profit organisations.
- There are a range of opportunities in the private sector, working, for example, in private healthcare organisations as a lifestyle consultant or working in alternative medicine and therapies. Many of these options involve being self-employed.

Skills for your CV

A degree in health studies covers health in its broad context and investigates contemporary health issues. It gives you an in-depth understanding of health and healthcare and you learn to:

- research, analyse and evaluate health and health-related issues from a multidisciplinary standpoint
- use health information and data effectively
- understand and formulate health-related arguments and contest theories.
- You also develop a range of general skills, including:
- written and oral communication
- the ability to work both independently and in a team
- effective problem-solving and time management
- report writing
- research and data analysis ● information technology.

Further study and University

For many health-related careers, for example nursing, speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, you'll need to take a specific degree or higher qualification. You may have to complete a full vocational course from the beginning or there may be a shortened postgraduate option for health studies graduates.

It's also possible to take a postgraduate certificate, diploma or Masters in health studies or a related area such as public health or leadership in health and social care.

Apprenticeships in Health and Social Care

It takes more than doctors to keep our frontline health services running efficiently with health and wellbeing apprenticeships

Whether you're treating patients or conducting research, working in healthcare means you'll be making a difference to the lives of others. Healthcare is one of the largest employment sectors in the UK, dependent on the experts who provide frontline care in hospitals, homes and surgeries. Without their commitment, dedication and professionalism, many lives would be much worse, and maybe even lost.

The complexity of the task at hand remains constant, from caring for people with physical, practical, social, emotional or intellectual challenges, to helping bring a new life into the world, or save another life from ending.

The NHS and other service providers need highly skilled professionals to undertake these and a range of other tasks, at a time when people are living longer and health budgets are being squeezed. Health and wellbeing apprenticeships reflect the need for professionals from the top down, with a particular emphasis on adult and childcare and support, nursing, paramedic and ambulance services, and rehabilitation.

Expect no days to be the same as you work to make a positive change to the health and wellbeing of the vulnerable.

There are a range of health and wellbeing apprenticeships on offer in this sector as it takes more than doctors to keep our health services running, you could be dispensing medicines, performing an eye test or working as a dental nurse.

Ambulance support workers are needed to transport individuals to and from specified treatment centres and other locations. Children, young people and families managers are also needed to build teams, manage resources and lead new approaches to working practices that deliver improved outcomes and put the child, young person or family at the centre of social care practice.

In medical settings, there's still a demand for diagnostic radiographers to provide excellent patient care by obtaining images of high diagnostic quality using a range of high-cost and complex imaging equipment.

<https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/apprenticeship-category/industry-sectors/healthwellbeing-apprenticeships/>
<https://www.apprenticeships-in-sussex.com/>



PART 1

I HAVE AN AWESOME BTEC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, WHERE CAN I WORK IN THE AWESOME NHS?

Nursing
An interesting and rewarding career, lots of opportunities to specialise and work in different settings. See our 'How to become a Nurse' poster for more detailed information.

New-born Hearing Screener
This career is based in the neonatal and postnatal unit of hospitals. You'll help identify which babies need testing, explain the process to new parents as well as carrying out the test.

Social Worker
Part of the wider healthcare team, you'll visit clients in hospital and in their homes and organise support. You'll work with lots of different people from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Radiography Assistant
As an assistant radiographer you'll work in both diagnostic and therapeutic radiography. You'll have the opportunity to undertake biopsies and work closely with patients.

Podiatry Assistant
Podiatry assistants (also known as chiropody assistants) care for people's feet. You'll apply dressing and treatments working with children, the elderly, dancers and sports men/women!

Occupational Therapy Support Worker
These guys and gals offer support to people to help overcome problems in day-to-day activities. You'll help find solutions so people can keep doing activities that are really important to them.

Midwifery
Midwives often describe their job as "privileged"! You'll work with a wide variety of healthy women who need support during their pregnancy and labour. Check out our poster for more information!!



PART 2

I HAVE AN AWESOME BTEC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, WHERE CAN I WORK IN THE AWESOME NHS?

Phlebotomist
Phlebotomists take blood from people (not like Dracula though) to help diagnose illnesses. People are often VERY scared of having their blood taken, it's your job to reassure them and ease their fears.

Healthcare Science Associate
In this role you'll support clinical scientist. You might work in a pathology lab or in a cardiology department, inputting data and working directly with patients.

Maternity Support Worker
You'll help care for mothers and babies, take routine observations and blood, educate parents-to-be and assist midwives during childbirth. Emergencies can happen so you need to be prepared for any situation!

Dietetic Assistant
You'll work with dietitians to help improve people's diet and nutrition, this could be with an individual or a community. You'll help assess, diagnose and treat a variety of dietary needs and problems.

Physiotherapy Assistant
You'll help patients carry out exercise plans and treatment plans. Roles include setting up equipment and assisting with mobility aids, working with people suffering from a range of conditions.

Speech and Language Therapy Assistant
This is a super varied job, you'll help people who have a stammer or difficulties understanding language. There are lots of reasons people have problems with speech and you get to improve their lives massively!!

Healthcare Assistant
HCAs work alongside doctors and nurses in hospitals or community settings. You'll provide direct, individual care for patients. There is lots of patient contact in this career, perfect for someone with epic people skills!