

Why Study Health & Social Care

5 Reasons to choose Health & Social Care

1. You can make a difference and have a rewarding career supporting others.
2. Work either to physically or psychologically help others.
3. Opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team alongside health workers.
4. Work in a very wide range of roles including Care Worker, Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health Worker.
5. Be part of an industry that offers a job that can last a lifetime.



Industry Insight

The social care sector employs more than 1.49 million people and the demand for skilled workers is rising. Department of Health has promised to invest £10 billion more on the NHS by 2020, and also to integrate health and care services, improving access to psychological therapies, and capping social care costs.

The Health and Social Care sector also has a very large range of employers including, local authorities - e.g. social services, the NHS - e.g. hospitals, mental health trusts, community based settings, charity and voluntary organisations - such as Age Concern, Barnardo's, British Red Cross, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Mencap, Save the Children, Sue Ryder, YMCA, residential and non-residential care organisations, the Prison Service and probation services, private or independent organisations and schools, colleges and universities.

Vocational Route Explored

Studying a vocational course in Health & Social Care offers a fantastic opportunity to progress into the industry. Vocational courses have been developed in partnership with employers to ensure students are learning the skills they will need in the industry while they are at College. For this reason they are popular with employers and increase the chances of the students getting a job or an apprenticeship/internship at the end of their study.

They are practical and interactive, a method of learning that is valued by many students. Work experience is also a key requirement for the majority of our courses giving the students the ability to apply knowledge learnt to real life situations, as well as develop interpersonal skills so valued by employers.



Adult Social Work

On 13th March 2020, Brooklands College's Health & Social Care department hosted the Health Careers LIVE Adult Social Work programme via the Learn Live UK platform.

The live broadcast featured Leah Cox, Safeguarding Advisor for the Guildford Adult Social Care team and Josie Barnett, Senior Social Worker who discussed their careers in Adult Social Care. Brooklands College students were also given the opportunity to ask questions.



Hospital Work & Me

Key-workers across the nation have been finding it incredibly challenging during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are the backbone of the UK, working hard to help care for others. Among these humble heroes is Brooklands College alumni Jordan Jennings.

"I was quite shy before, but doing the College course gave me the motivation, and the knowledge and confidence to go out and talk. I can go up to the desks in the ward or the bays for the patients and say 'hello, I'm here to collect this...' or anything like that. Before, I couldn't do that. The college and the course really helped me to learn how to improve."

Aged 24, Jordan is working as a porter at Ashford & St Peter's Hospital. He studied at Brooklands College, progressing on from the supported Internship course into paid employment in 2019. He is part of the amazing keyworker force on the frontline dealing with patients and making an excellent contribution to the COVID -19 crisis.

"The tutors I had were amazing. They were always there to help and support us. They treated us as adults. They didn't treat us like we were young children with special needs which also helps when getting a job. It would be difficult if we were going into the workplace saying 'we have special needs, we can't do certain things.' They improved on that. They made it feel like we were adults before we even got our jobs."

Student work experiences/work placements

- NHS Ashford and St Peters Hospital
- Bucklands Primary School
- Surrey Care Trust
- The White Lodge Centre
- St Augustines Care Home
- West Byfleet Jr School



Take a look at the courses we offer!

Level 1/2 First Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care

If you want to work supporting other people and have a desire to help others have a better quality of life, then a career in Health and Social Care may be the way ahead.

National Extended Certificate/Diploma in Health & Social Care

This qualification will provide you with an engaging insight into the Health and Social Care sector.

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