

Who will support me through this course?

Within the college setting there is a team of tutors and staff who will support and guide you. There is also a dedicated Academy Team who will organise your work placements and visit to support you, monitor your progress and health and safety.

What are the entry criteria?

Apprenticeship programme level 2:

- 16 -18 years of age
- **Greater Manchester:** 4 GCSEs any grade achieving entry 3/level 1 at initial assessment
- **Cheshire & Merseyside:** 4 GCSEs grade D and above to include English and Maths
- Completed statutory education
- Enthusiastic about a career in Healthcare
- You will have to fill in an Academy application form and return it to us.

What are the entry criteria?

BTEC programme level 3:

- 16-18 years of age (some costs involved for over 19)
- 5 GCSEs grade C and above including Maths, English and Science
- Enthusiastic about a career in Healthcare
- You will have to fill in an Academy application form and return it to us

If you meet our criteria

- You will be invited to attend college for an interview
- You will be asked to complete an initial assessment
- We will send for references
- Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau and Occupational Health Assessment will be required.

Which colleges are involved in the Healthcare Cadet programme?

- Greater Manchester - The Academy is working with Ashton Sixth Form College, Bury College, Oldham College, Trafford College, Salford College, Xaverian College and The Manchester College.
- Cheshire & Merseyside - The Academy is working with St Helens College, Knowsley Community College, Liverpool Community College, West Cheshire College, Wirral Metropolitan College and KGV Southport.

There are different programmes available at each college - call us and we can give you more information.

How can I apply?

We are looking for young people enthusiastic about a career in Healthcare who are polite, punctual and reliable. If you think you are up to it then give the Academy a ring today.

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NHS Healthcare Cadet Programme



What is the Skills for Health Academy?

The Skills for Health Academy North West (Academy) is an NHS organisation that works with local Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges to deliver a range of programmes that will help you to gain a career within the NHS, health or social care sectors. The Academy encourages applicants from the diverse community.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of learners and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.

What is a Cadet?

A Cadet is someone who has a genuine interest in caring for people and hopes to eventually work in the NHS, health or social care. To achieve this they are prepared to work hard in both college and on work placements in order to gain the necessary qualifications and experience.

Careers IAG support on the way...

The Academy provides up-to-date and comprehensive information, advice and guidance to all Cadets throughout their programme. We will ensure that you have our full support and expertise whilst you are with us and will guide you at the end of your programme to help you on your journey - whether this be study at a higher level or advice on gaining employment.

What will I be doing?

You will join an excellent training programme where you will get to work alongside NHS professionals in real situations and meet new friends.

You will have a period of induction and during this time we will get to know you. You will have Academy days when you will be able to meet staff from the NHS and begin to understand the different roles that they have.

If you meet the progression criteria which includes a good record of attendance and commitment, you will

then progress onto the Cadetship and begin work placements whilst continuing your studies within the college setting.

During an average week you will spend part of your time in college and part of your time on placement.

Where will my work placements be?

Your work placements will be in a variety of NHS, health and social care settings where you will work under the supervision of a mentor.

You will get the chance to work on different wards and departments in local hospitals, and you may also experience placements in the community, social care and voluntary organisations.

During the programme you will move around different placements so that by the end of the programme you will have some idea of the type of work that you would like to do when you achieve your qualifications.

What Qualifications will I gain?

We have 2 programmes on offer:

- An Apprenticeship in Healthcare Diploma Level 2 with functional skills and Employment Responsibilities and Rights award - 1 year
- BTEC Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A levels) - 2 years

What opportunities are available when I have completed my Cadetship?

You will have the appropriate skills, training and qualifications to apply for a variety of roles of further training in the NHS, health and social care sector.

BTEC Cadets - Those cadets who wish to apply to university and have achieved the required UCAS points will be supported with their UCAS application.

“What really makes the cadet course special is the placement experience that comes along with it. Placements enable cadets to get a feel for working in the health care sector, as well as allowing them to build on important skills that will help them to thrive as a health care professional. The course also allows cadets to go on a range of different placements which is a fantastic way to help guide them to make a decision on which career they want to follow.”

Bethany-Louise Taylor, Cadet

What else can I expect to learn?

You will learn how to become a valuable part of the healthcare team. You will be involved in problem solving and will have the opportunity to communicate with a wide range of diverse and interesting people. You will learn new skills, make new friends and may also wish to become involved in our Charity work, when our Cadets have great fun raising lots of money for local charities. You may also have the opportunity to undertake bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

What do Cadets wear?

Cadets are issued with an Academy badge and a uniform which they wear on placement. In college smart casual dress is required.

