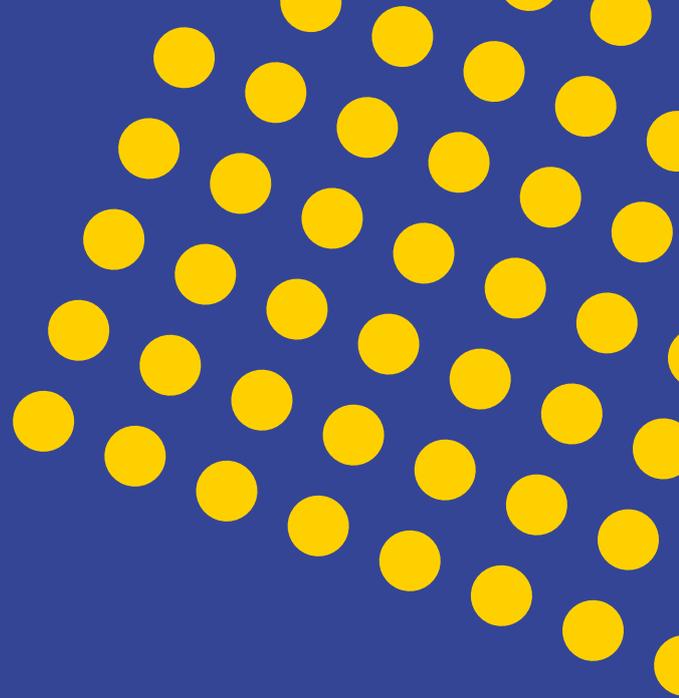




Fife College

## A Career in Care

Your guide to HN Care options



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The Care sector is unlike any other. It offers career opportunities in a wide range of fields – everything from early years officer to midwife, and from counsellor to youth worker – but all Care careers have one thing in common. A career in Care allows you to use your knowledge and skills to help people and change lives for the better.

We know that everyone has different reasons and motivations for pursuing a career in a Care industry. And we also know that everyone's personal circumstances are unique. That's why we've made it so easy to study with us.

We offer courses across childcare, healthcare, social and community care, and social sciences that can get you ready for study at degree level.

**The best part is that you can study at degree level right here at Fife College!**

**Did you know that an HNC is the same level as year 1 of a university degree? And that an HND is the same level as year 2 of university?**

What's more, completing your HNC, HND, or both with us gives you three options; go into a rewarding career that you now have the qualifications for, progress to a degree at university – with your HNC/HND even allowing for the possibility of starting university in year 2 or year 3 of the degree course, or study for your degree with us locally at Fife College with our fantastic BA Learning Difficulties/Disabilities.

Studying for your BA with us means that you can continue in the same campus, locally, working with the same staff that supported you to your HNC and HND. It also lets you keep travel and living costs to a minimum, and to stay close to home for your other commitments.

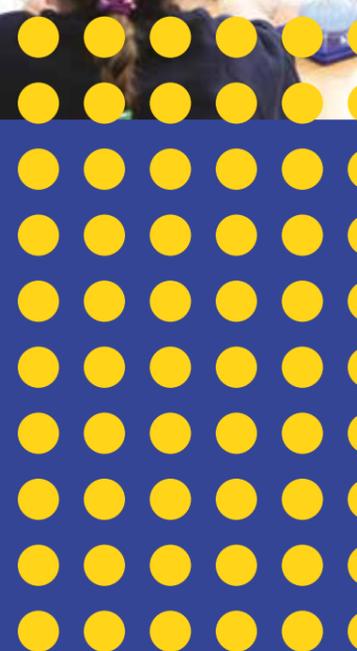
**Flexibility is important to us – because we know it's important to you!**

**That's why we now offer ALL of our Care HNs on a part-time basis, as well as full-time.**

Studying part-time can mean evenings or weekends. It allows you to gain the qualifications you need for your dream career without having to give up any other aspects of your life – such as work or family.

Part-time study means that your learning is very much on your terms, at times that suit you better. And, not only will you still get the same qualifications at the end of your course as you would have if you'd studied full-time, you'll also still get all of the help and support from us that our full-time students get.

Studying for your HNC or HND full-time usually means that you'll be able to complete your course in the shortest amount of time. This allows you to continue to progress in your studies and get into your dream job more quickly.



## Working toward HN level study

If your goal is to gain an HN or degree qualification, but you don't have the grades to enter at HNC level straight away, don't worry! Fife College also offers a wide range of courses from Highers to Introductory courses, and National Certificates to SWAP courses.

These courses have all been carefully crafted by our expert staff, in partnership with our employer and stakeholder partners both locally and nationally, not only to allow you to progress to a higher level of study, but also, in some circumstances, to develop your practical and vocational skills and experience through hands-on learning and work placements.

This practical experience will be of great benefit as you progress on to study at HN and/or degree level.

## Highers

Highers can improve your future job prospects, help you move on to further study at HNC/HND level, or simply allow you to gain some new skills and qualifications.

Many of our Highers are offered either for daytime study or as evening classes within the College, and sometimes as transitional day release programmes.

## Certificate courses

Certificate courses are the perfect stepping stone for those with few or no formal qualifications who want to progress to higher levels of study.

Certificate courses do not lead to a nationally recognised group award but do contain nationally recognised subject/unit qualifications. They are a cluster of units, mainly at SCQF Level 4, that will give you an appropriate set of skills and knowledge to support you on to the next level of your education or chosen career path.

## Intermediate Certificate courses

Intermediate Certificate courses do not lead to a nationally recognised group award but do contain nationally recognised subject/unit qualifications. They are a cluster of units, mainly at SCQF Level 5, that will give you an appropriate set of skills and knowledge to support you on to the next level of your education or chosen career path.

## Advanced Certificate Courses

Advanced Certificate courses do not lead to a nationally recognised group award but do contain nationally recognised subject/unit qualifications. They are a cluster of units, mainly at SCQF Level 6, that will give you an appropriate set of skills and knowledge to support you on to the next level of your education or chosen career path.

## National Certificate Courses

These courses are designed for school leavers and mature students, typically with a duration of one year. They contain a nationally recognised group award qualification at either SCQF level 5 or 6 and can be used as a stepping stone to employment or on to further study at a higher level.

## SWAP courses

Scottish Wider Access Programmes, also known as SWAP courses, are for adults who have few or no formal qualifications and who have been out of full-time education for at least three years (five years if you have Highers or an HN). SWAP Access courses provide an alternative route into Higher Education and are designed to give adult learners intensive academic preparation as well as the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence required to study at Higher Education level.

These courses are full-time for one year and prepare you for entry into HNC/HND or degree level study through recognised progression routes at colleges or universities in Scotland (for more information about SWAP visit [scottishwideraccess.org](http://scottishwideraccess.org)).

**For a full rundown of our courses, including entry requirements, and progression options, visit our website [fife.ac.uk/care](http://fife.ac.uk/care)**

# Support available at Fife College

## Funding

**It's not just the study options that are flexible at Fife College – our funding is flexible to your needs, too!**

Funding for HNC, HND, and degree courses is applied for through the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

SAAS deals with full or part-time funding as well as bursaries and loans. These are dependent on your individual circumstances.

If you're looking to study for your HNC and/or HND part-time, you could be eligible for a Part-Time Fee Grant from either SAAS or the Individual Learning Account (ILA). This is used to partially or fully fund the tuition fees for your course.

Funding could also be available for you for Childcare, Travel, and Rent/Mortgage.

If you are unsure about what funding you could be eligible for, contact us to discuss your options on [studentfunding@fife.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@fife.ac.uk)

## Guidance and Support

**We're dedicated to supporting you in any way possible to help ensure that your time with us is the very best it can be.**

You can make an appointment to see one of our Guidance Advisers to talk about any issues that may arise during your time at college. This includes personal issues, financial concerns, support, and exit and progression guidance.

Email [guidance@fife.ac.uk](mailto:guidance@fife.ac.uk) to make an appointment.

**We're here to help!**

## Care Experienced

**Our fantastic and friendly Guidance Advisers will also be there to make sure you are given as much support as you need to help you succeed in your studies if you are currently in care (including foster care and kinship care), or you have recently left care.**

You can arrange regular meetings with one of our Guidance Advisers who will also then be your main point of contact while you're at college. You can go to them about anything and everything – be it personal or related to your course.

# We're here to help!

## Our HNCs, HNDs, and degree

### Why study for a career in Additional Support Needs?

A career in Additional Support Needs means helping children and young people who need special support to make the most of their education.

You'll work with people who find learning difficult because of health issues, disability, or family circumstances, as well as social, emotional, and behavioural factors.

You'll support and encourage fantastic young people to be more confident and independent. Patience and sensitivity are essential skills.

It's an incredibly rewarding industry to work in and allows you to have a positive and lasting impact on the education and lives of others.

### Careers

- Learning support assistant
- Education support assistant
- Additional support needs assistant
- Primary school teacher
- Secondary school teacher
- Support worker/ manager/supervisor in training/ residential environments for people with learning difficulties/disabilities



## HNC: Additional Support Needs: Supporting the Individual

SCQF Level 7

### What will I study?

- ASN: principles of practice
- ASN: theoretical approaches to learning
- ASN: the effects on human development
- ASN: workplace practice
- ASN: graded unit 1
- Other optional units

Available to study full-time or part-time!

### Entry Requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above, including English at preferably A or B
- National Certificate: Early Education and Childcare group award and Higher external exam at Level C or above
- SVQ: Social Services (Children and Young People) SCQF Level 6
- Experience within the care industry and equivalent alternative qualifications will be considered on an individual basis

In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR).

### Progression

- HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services
- BEd Primary Teaching and other university courses

## HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services

SCQF Level 8

### What will I study?

- Programme planning
- Working in an additional support needs setting
- Communication: business communication
- Collaborating with other agencies
- Managing quality
- Effective leadership and management
- Graded unit
- Plus a number of optional units

Available to study full-time or part-time!

### Entry requirements

HNC: Additional Support Needs: Supporting the Individual (G8P2 15) is preferred. However, its predecessor HNC: Supporting Learning Needs (G5ML 15) may allow you to credit transfer for the current HNC (G8P2 15) at the College's discretion. In particular situations, you may instead have successfully completed one of the following:

- HNC: Health Care
- HNC: Care and Administrative Practice
- HNC: Childhood Practice
- HNC: Early Education and Childcare
- HNC: Social Services
- HNC: Social Care

### PLUS:

- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)
- You will need a PVG check through Disclosure Scotland in order to go out on the placement(s) as part of this course (visit [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk) for more information)

### Progression

- BA Learning Difficulties/Disabilities at Fife College
- BA (Hons) Community Education at the University of the West of Scotland
- Other degrees in primary teaching, education, or social sciences at university



## BA Learning Difficulties/Disabilities

### SCQF Level 9

This course allows for a unique opportunity to study for a Care degree entirely at Fife College.

If you have, or are thinking about, studying for an HND in Additional Support Needs or Social Sciences, this degree course will allow you to leave with a full BA degree after just one more year of full-time study. In turn, this allows for the possibility of Honours level study or employment in the industry.

A rewarding career in social care or education is a very likely destination after completing this degree. Whatever career is right for you within this diverse industry, you'll be having a positive and lasting impact on the lives of those you work with.

### What will I study?

- Research methodology
- Psychology and social development
- Inclusive practice
- Educational policy and practice
- History of learning difficulties
- Research project

Available to study full-time

### Entry requirements

One of the following:

- HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services with graded unit at C or above
- HND: Social Sciences with graded unit at C or above
- Qualifications comparable with the above, including other HNDs
- Diploma in social work/nursing (240 points at relevant levels)

In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR).

### Progression

- Postgraduate courses in social work, primary school teaching, secondary school teaching, or social work (check entry requirements with individual universities)
- Honours year study at Abertay University
- Honours courses in social sciences at university



### Peter Whip

#### Studied for a career in Additional Support Needs

"It wasn't my intention to work up to the degree when I first started. I was really only planning to do the HNC then move on to employment, but I did well on the HNC and my lecturer recommended that I progress to HND, and since then I've went in to every year thinking I'll see how I get on then decide about further progression and every year I've ended up taking the next step in my education.

"Having the chance to study the BA here locally has been brilliant – especially for me as I'm literally ten minutes up the road from the campus. Being so close and not having the time spent travelling definitely helps the other parts of your life a lot."

### Why study for a career in Healthcare?

If you're passionate about helping people, a career in healthcare is one of the most rewarding choices you could make.

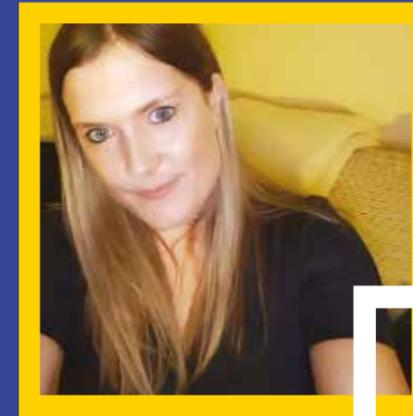
Whether it's in nursing or midwifery, or a career elsewhere in the healthcare sector, the skills you'll gain over the course of your studies will mean that you'll be in high demand within one of the fastest growing industries in the UK.

Currently, the NHS is the world's 5th largest employer, employing around 1.7million people. And this doesn't include roles available in the private sector.

The most important part of a role within healthcare is that every day you'll have the opportunity to help people who need it. it's a wonderful industry to be involved in.

### Careers

- Adult nurse
- Children's nurse
- Midwife
- Allied health professions such as speech and language therapy



### Julia Callaghan

#### Studying for a career in Nursing

"It's been great to study locally at the College. I found National Certificate: Health and Social Care (incorporating Access to Nursing) very interesting. My favourite part was the unit on the human body. I also loved having the opportunity to meet all of the new friends.

"I've no doubt that the course helped to prepare me for the next step in my education. Next year I'm hoping to go on to attend the University of Stirling. Once I've finished my studies, I'd like to be a paramedic or a nurse."

## HNC: Care and Administrative Practice

### SCQF Level 7

### What will I study?

- Hospital patient administration
- Therapeutic relationships: understanding behaviour
- Essential skills for care practice
- Physiology for care professionals
- Sociology for care
- Graded unit 1
- Safe working practice for care
- Learning through practice
- Principles of professional practice
- Understanding personal and professional development

Available to study full-time or part-time!

### Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above preferably including English
- Advanced Certificate: Health and Social Care (Access to Nursing and all Care HNCs) plus external Care Higher Exam at Level C or above
- Other SCQF Level 6 qualifications and experience of working in a health or social care setting will be considered on an individual basis

PLUS:

- National 5 Maths at Level C or above or equivalent (see our Qualifications Explained page for details) is desirable
- You are required to have a pre-placement health check
- There may be a charge for your health check and additional uniform
- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)
- You will also require a PVG check through Disclosure Scotland in order to go out on the placement(s) as part of this course (visit [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk) for more information)

### Progression

- HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services
- BA (Hons) Health Studies at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Child and Youth Studies at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- Other degree courses in nursing, allied healthcare professions, and social studies

## Why study for a career in Childcare?

Children are naturally curious and enthusiastic for learning and play and this very often rubs off on those working with them. In the same way, the people who work with children are able to encourage and support them to explore and develop an understanding of the world around them.

There's more to childcare than just building sandcastles, making dens, or doing some glitter painting. Early Learning professionals are responsible for giving children the best start in life using ideas and activities that help their little personalities grow.

You'll come up with creative ideas for activities to help children learn, grow, and better understand the world around them.

You'll be responsible for creating and maintaining a safe, supportive environment, and encouraging children to play and share with others, allowing them to develop good behaviour and cooperation skills.

At the moment, only 50% of early years officers in the UK are in full-time employment, with the other 50% being either part-time or self-employed. It's a great career if you have other existing commitments, such as your own family, to consider.

### Careers

- Early years officer
- Playworker
- Early years practitioner
- Early years teacher
- Nursery teacher
- This course allows you to register as a practitioner with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC)



### Danyella Philip

#### Studying for a career in Childcare

"I was working two jobs and at the time I wasn't in a position where I could leave full-time work. As Fife College offered a part-time evening course, this fitted in fantastically with my work and family.

"I have really enjoyed both Advanced Certificate: Access to HN Childhood Practice, and HNC: Childhood Practice. In both courses the placement opportunities I have been given have been fantastic. I also enjoyed the HNC graded unit; being able to choose my aim and carry out research to help me reach my aim has been a great way to further my knowledge and learn new things."

## HNC: Childhood Practice

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Leadership starts with me
- Care in contemporary society
- Health, wellbeing and safeguarding
- Lifespan development theoretical approaches
- Graded unit
- Support for play learning and development
- Promote effective communication
- Promote health, safety and security in the work setting
- Develop your practice through reflection and learning
- You will undertake a two day work placement within a childcare setting, providing you with valuable experience of working with children whilst linking theory to practice. Patterns of placement may vary between campuses
- The part-time study option is aimed at applicants currently employed within early years settings looking to develop qualifications within this field; this part-time study will provide opportunities to put theory into practice

#### Entry requirements

- You should be 17 years of age or over when applying for the course and should have experience of working with children

You should also possess one of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above, including English at A or B
- National Certificate: Early Education and Childcare group award
- SVQ: Social Services (Children and Young People) SCQF Level 6
- Other SCQF Level 6 qualifications and experience of working in childcare will be considered on an individual basis
- If you are considering progression to Higher Education teacher training courses, you should note that you are likely to require two additional Highers, including English at Level A or B, and National 5 Maths at Level C or above to be considered by most HE institutions
- You will need a PVG check through Disclosure Scotland in order to go out on the placement(s) as part of this course (visit [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk) for more information)

In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR).

#### Progression

- Degree courses in childcare and social studies at university
- HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services
- SVQ: Social Services: Children and Young People SCQF Level 9 (while working)

Available to study full-time or part-time!

## Why study for a career in Counselling?

Counselling is all about helping people understand their feelings and choices in order to enable them to find their own ways to make positive changes to their lives.

You will build a relationship of trust and respect with your clients, and create a calm, relaxed, and comforting environment for them.

Currently, around 30% of counsellors in the UK work part-time. This is a career that can allow for flexibility if that's important to you. It could allow you to pursue your ideal career and fit it around family life.

### Careers

- Counsellor



### Eisquel Herrera

#### Studying for a career in Counselling

"Due to being a full-time parent, I took a break from employment. Once I found myself ready and able to continue my career, I applied for HNC: Counselling part-time at Fife College.

"St Brycedale Campus in Kirkcaldy was a great place to study, allowing access to the library in the evenings, and the use of different classrooms for practical work in small groups. As a part-time student, it allowed me to focus on family life as well as finding alternative work."

## HNC: Counselling

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Relationship centred counselling
- Counselling theories
- Personal development in a counselling skills setting, and further development of self-awareness and personal growth
- Loss and grief in a counselling setting
- Counselling supervision
- Group counselling skills

#### Entry requirements

- Approximately 120 hours of skills training
- You must demonstrate at interview your suitability to be allowed to undertake this course
- Counselling training and other qualifications will be considered on an individual basis

In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR).

#### Progression

- Diploma level counselling courses

Available to study part-time

## Why study for a career in Social Sciences?

If you're interested in how and why people behave as they do, and enjoy solving problems, a career in social sciences could be perfect for you.

Social science is the scientific study of society and the ways in which we relate to each other. It helps us to understand how society works – from the causes of unemployment to how and why people vote.

There is a wonderful variety of subjects and specialities to be found within social sciences, offering a range of career progression routes and options. Studying the social sciences also allows you to develop a range of transferrable employability skills that will help you to excel in a wide number of careers.

### Careers

- Psychologist
- Human resources
- Teaching
- Police force
- Social worker
- Community education
- Social researcher
- Probation officer

## HNC: Social Sciences

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Sociology
- Psychology
- History
- Research methodology
- Graded unit exam

Available to study full-time or part-time!

#### Options where available:

- Politics
- Literature

#### Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above, one of which must be English\* and the other should be drawn from a range of relevant subjects which could include Modern Studies, History, Sociology, Psychology, Geography, Economics, Politics, Philosophy, Maths, Biology or Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies. In addition, you are required to have two National 5s at Level C or above or equivalent (see our Qualifications Explained page for details)

\*NC Communication Higher and Literature 1 is an acceptable alternative to Higher English at Level C

- Advanced Certificate: Pathway to Social Sciences
- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)

### Progression

- HND: Social Sciences
- MA Anthropology at the University of Aberdeen
- MA History at the University of Aberdeen
- MA Philosophy at the University of Aberdeen
- MA Politics and International Relations at the University of Aberdeen
- MA Psychology at the University of Aberdeen
- MA Sociology at the University of Aberdeen
- BA (Hons) Criminology at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Social Science at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Sociology at Abertay University
- BSc (Hons) Psychology at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences at The Open University
- BSc (Hons) Psychology at Queen Margaret University
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BSc (Hons) Public Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BA (Hons) History at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) History and Politics at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Sociology and Politics at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Scottish History at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology at the University of Stirling
- BA (Hons) Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Stirling
- BA (Hons) Sociology at the University of Stirling

## HND: Social Sciences

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Sociology
- Psychology
- History
- Research methodology/research issues
- Criminology
- Graded unit exams and project

Available to study full-time or part-time!

#### Option where available:

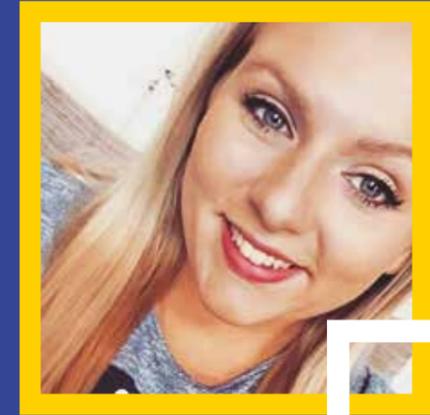
- Politics

#### Entry requirements

- HNC: Social Sciences SCQF Level 7 with 15 credits
- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)

### Progression

- BA (Hons) Sociology at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Social Science at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences at The Open University
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BSc (Hons) Public Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BA (Hons) History and Politics at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Sociology and Politics at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Sociology and Social Policy at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Sociology at the University of the Highlands and Islands
- BA (Hons) Criminal Justice at the University of the West of Scotland
- BA (Hons) Social Science at the University of the West of Scotland
- BA (Hons) Society, Politics and Policy at the University of the West of Scotland



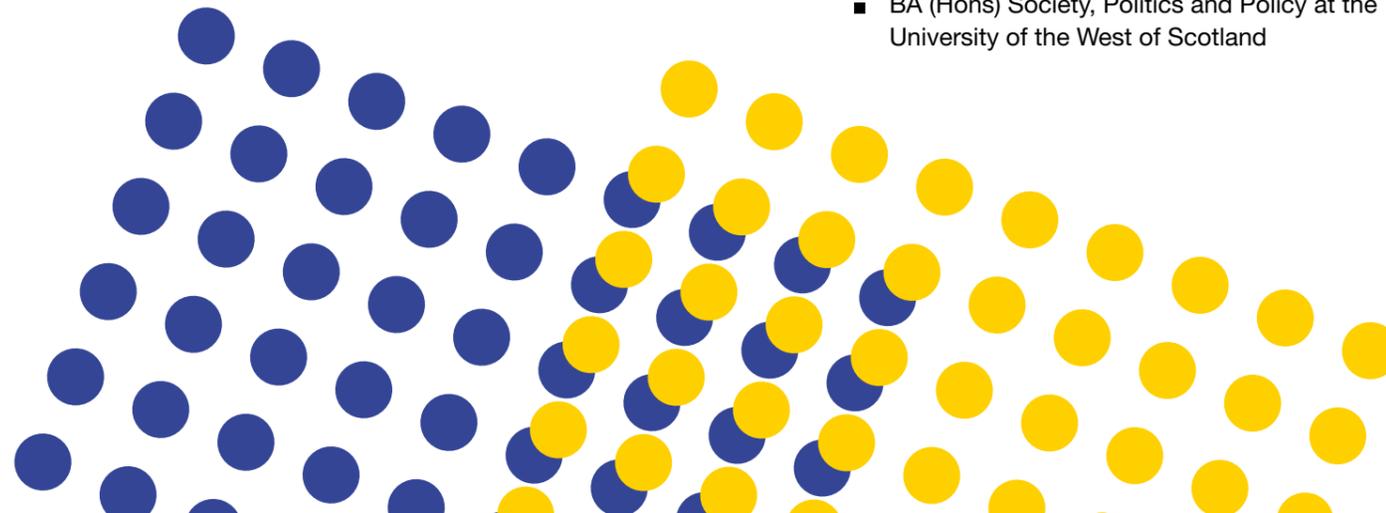
## Charlotte Johnstone

### Studying for a career in Psychology

“After leaving school at 16 with poor Standard Grade results, I went straight on to work. Travelling home one day, I came across a leaflet for Fife College. Even though I'd never really thought about returning to education after school, I applied later that night (I didn't think I'd get in with the grades I had). But to my surprise I was given an interview and during it, I was offered a place on the course.”

“During the first few months on the course I had no clue what I wanted to do as a career, or even why I was really on the course, but now I am furthering my studies in psychology at the University of Strathclyde.”

“I would recommend Fife College, absolutely. If someone asked me five years ago if I could see myself at university, I would've laughed. Before starting my first course I had no idea what I wanted to do in the future. Fife College has a lot to offer and supports their students throughout their course so for anyone even considering college, I'd say go for it. My mum is even a student at the College now.”



## Why study for a career in Social Services?

If you are a caring, empathetic person who is also patient and understanding, a career in social work could be the right one for you.

There are many different roles you could perform within the social services industry. You could work with older people, vulnerable adults, children, young people, homeless people, or people with mental health problems.

You'll provide support and advice to help people to improve their lives. Working in close partnership with a number of agencies and professions, your ability to listen and communicate in a tactful way will allow you to thrive in this rewarding industry.

### Careers

- Care home practitioner
- Residential support worker
- Care support worker
- Welfare rights officer
- Community development worker
- Housing officer
- Social worker
- Volunteer organiser
- Housing support worker
- Care related services, for example residential schools, day-care facilities for the older adult and resource centres for adults with physical disabilities or learning difficulties
- Various job roles in mental health, homelessness and looked-after children



### Dylan Masson

#### Studying for a career in Counselling

"I have always had an interest in mental health and how best to support people who suffer from enduring mental ill health.

After consideration, I applied for Fife College online and was accepted on to HNC: Social Services after an interview.

"I feel that the skills and knowledge I gained from the course enable me to do my job better than I would have if I did not complete the course.

"I would definitely recommend the course to anyone who has intentions to work in the care sector as it really opened my eyes as to what effects different circumstances can have on people and how they may be best supported."

## HNC: Social Services

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Care in contemporary society
- Lifespan development
- Care practice
- Health and wellbeing
- Graded unit
- Three SVQ units
- Optional units

Available to study full-time or part-time!

#### Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above
- Advanced Certificate: Health and Social Care (Access to Nursing and all Care HNCs) plus a pass in one other Higher at Level C or above
- Evidence of some work or experience in the care sector
- Evidence that you can meet the academic requirements of SCQF Level 7 with the submission of a written piece at interview if you do not meet any of the above and are looking for a change of career
- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)
- Most placements have a minimum age requirement of 18 years
- You will need a PVG check through Disclosure Scotland in order to go out on the placement(s) as part of this course (visit [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk) for more information)

#### Progression

- HND: Additional Support Needs: Managing and Supporting the Services
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BSc (Hons) Public Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BA (Hons) Community Education at the University of the West of Scotland
- BA (Hons) Integrated Health and Social Care at the University of the West of Scotland
- BA (Hons) Professional Health Studies at the University of the West of Scotland
- Year 2 entry to BSc (Hons) Public Policy Sociology at Queen Margaret University Edinburgh (graded unit at B)
- Social Work degrees at university (some universities will also ask for an English, ICT and/or Numeracy or Maths qualification)
- SVQ: Social Services and Healthcare SCQF Level 8 (while working)
- Degrees in community learning and development, social sciences, mental health nursing, or midwifery

## Why study for a career working in and with Communities?

There are a lot of career options available that could allow you to make a positive contribution to communities and the people that call them home.

Working in communities allows you to do just that – get out and about and spend time in the community addressing a whole host of issues affecting community life. This includes housing and leisure, community education, local facilities, and tackling anti-social behaviour.

It is a career that relies on your ability to give people ways to voice their views and opinions, and to raise general awareness of community issues.

Around half of those currently employed within communities do so part-time. This is a career that allows for a lot of flexibility, as well as allowing you to make a real difference in the community.

### Careers

- Youth worker
- Community development worker
- Adult education worker
- Various voluntary options



### Laura Jonsen

#### Studying for a career Working in Communities

"I decided that I wanted to gain more qualifications. The lecturers were brilliant at explaining everything to us and were always there to

help with any issues we had. The placement I went on was with Home4Good in Leven, for me this placement gave me the confidence to pursue my chosen path.

"I then did a year as an Asset Based Community Developer. I would never have even applied for this position if I had not attended college as I would not have had the confidence to do so. I was able to utilise all the skills I had gained at college to make my job easier and more manageable."

## HNC: Working with Communities

### SCQF Level 7

#### What will I study?

- Principles and practice
- Preparing to work with community groups
- Learning approaches
- Social science approaches
- Accountability for and management of community resources
- Working with young people
- Adult learning
- Workplace practice
- Graded unit

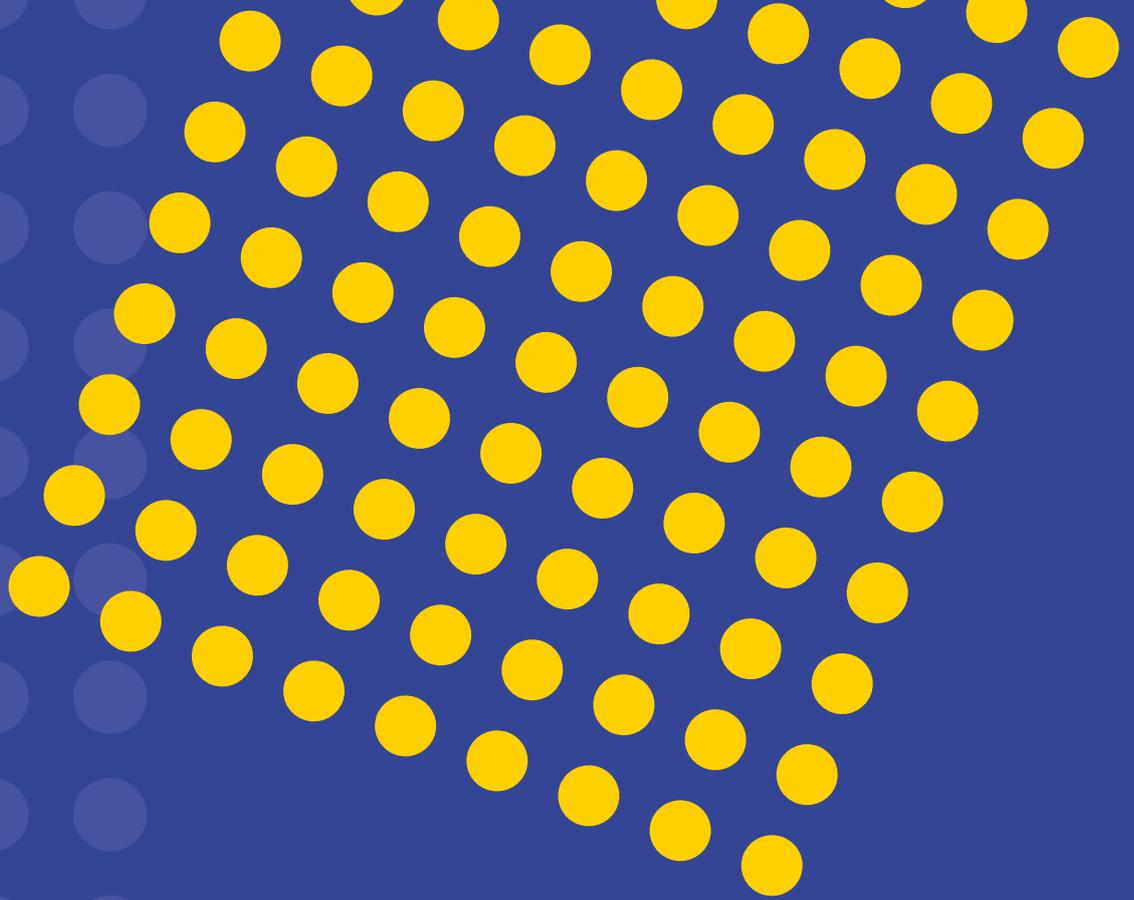
#### Entry requirements

One of the following:

- Two Highers at Level C or above plus two National 5s at Level C or above or equivalent (see our Qualifications Explained page for details)
- A qualification at SCQF Level 6 in a related subject such as Social/Health Care, Humanities, or Social Sciences
- Appropriate experience in a community learning and development setting together with other qualifications may be considered
- You will also require a PVG check through Disclosure Scotland in order to go out on the placement(s) as part of this course (visit [disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://disclosurescotland.co.uk) for more information)
- In addition, internal applicants will also require a positive Internal Learner Reference (ILR)

#### Progression

- Entry to universities throughout the UK
- BA (Hons) Criminology at Abertay University
- BA (Hons) Social Science at Abertay University
- BSc (Hons) Public Sociology at Queen Margaret University
- BA (Hons) Community Education at the University of the West of Scotland
- Further study with The Open University
- Year 2 entry to BA Community Learning and Development at the University of Dundee (graded unit at A)
- Year 2 entry to BSc (Hons) Public Policy Sociology at Queen Margaret University Edinburgh (graded unit at B)



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