



# NORTH EDINBURGH CHILDCARE

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## **MODERN APPRENTICESHIP** **SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SVQ L3**

### INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING AN APPRENTICESHIP

#### **What is a Modern Apprenticeship?**

If you are already working in a childcare setting, the Modern Apprenticeship (MA) is an excellent opportunity for you to undertake the qualification you need while continuing to work and earn a wage. The qualification is the Social Services Children and Young People SVQ Level 3 Award (at SCQF Level 7) which upon completion, will enable you to register as a Childcare Practitioner with the Scottish Social Services Council.

#### **I am interested in the MA but I am not currently in employment, what should I do?**

You need to be employed in a childcare setting to undertake the Modern Apprenticeship therefore, if you are interested but not employed in a childcare setting, you may first want to apply to undertake our Childcare Academy programme. The purpose of our Childcare Academy programme is to help people who are unemployed to get a job in a childcare setting by providing them with the training and work experience required. Many of our Modern Apprentices have successfully progressed from our Childcare Academy programme. For more information on our Childcare Academy programme, please contact Audrey O'Neill on 0131 311 6931 or email [audrey.oneill@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk](mailto:audrey.oneill@northedinburghchildcare.co.uk)

#### **How long does the Modern Apprenticeship take?**

Our Modern Apprenticeship programme can take up to 18 months to complete.

#### **When does the programme start?**

You can usually start the programme at any time after being offered a place.

#### **How is the Modern Apprenticeship programme funded?**

Our Modern Apprenticeship programme is fully funded by Skills Development Scotland which means that there are no costs to you or your employer (other than paying your wages). Although no financial costs are incurred, your employer will be involved in your training by supporting you to develop and demonstrate your childcare knowledge and skills within your place of employment.

#### **Am I eligible?**

You may be eligible if you:-

- Work in a childcare setting
- Have at least 6 months experience of working in a childcare setting prior to starting the programme
- Are aged 16 + (we are the only Training Provider in Edinburgh who have been approved to offer this MA to all age groups)
- Progress successfully through the different stages of our application procedure



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## What is involved in the application process?

Upon receiving an enquiry from yourself or your employer, our Team Leader will arrange to come out to your setting to talk to both you and your employer about what's involved. Following this, you will be asked to complete an application form and to attend an interview to enable us to assess your suitability for the programme. We will also ask your employer to complete an 'Appraisal of Skills' form in relation to your strengths and development areas to help us to identify any support you may need from us whilst undertaking the programme.

## What will happen once I am offered a place?

Once you have been offered a place, you will be allocated an individual SVQ Assessor who will be responsible for supporting you throughout your Modern Apprenticeship. Your Assessor will initially arrange a 'Sign Up' meeting with yourself and your employer to complete all the relevant paperwork and to arrange a date for your induction.

## What will be involved in my training?

Your training will incorporate:

- A thorough Induction
- The completion of an Individual Training Plan
- Regular face to face planning and support meetings with your Assessor
- Approximately 5 observations of your practice within your workplace
- Regular submission of written work and completion of assignments
- Attendance at one of our Child Protection and Numeracy workshops
- Quarterly Review meetings with your Assessor
- Ongoing support from your Assessor via telephone or email

## How can I apply?

For more information about our Modern Apprenticeship programme or to apply, please contact Fiona Williamson on 0131 311 6928 or email

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