

Foundation Apprenticeships in Dumfries & Galloway

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Your Questions Answered

What are Foundation Apprenticeships?

Foundation Apprenticeships are a work-based learning opportunity for senior-phase secondary school pupils. Lasting one or two years, pupils typically, but not exclusively begin their Foundation Apprenticeship in S5. Young people spend time out of school at college and with a local employer, completing a Foundation Apprenticeship alongside other subjects that are part of their school curriculum, like National Qualifications.

What is Involved in the Course?

Your Foundation Apprenticeship course will combine hands-on learning with essential knowledge, which you will get the chance to test out on your work placement. It fits alongside your other subjects in your senior timetable.

You will complete a qualification at school or college, which will develop the skills and knowledge for a particular industry. There may be a project set by employers and visits to industry. In addition, you will complete an SVQ qualification in a work placement away from school.

The course is the same level of learning as a Higher (SCQF6) but you are assessed as you go along, so there is no final exam.

Who is eligible?

S5 & S6 students attending school.

Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit www.apprenticeships.scot/foundation to find out more. You can hear from Apprentices

and find out more about the types of apprenticeships, the benefits and what is available in your area.

Which Courses Are Available?



What Are The Benefits?

You can use your Foundation Apprenticeship to get into a Modern Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship, College or University, or straight into employment.

You gain technical workplace knowledge, plus confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

It also counts as one of your entry qualifications into all colleges and universities across Scotland.

How Do I Apply?

Select the framework you are interested in on your options form and complete the application form available from the following websites:

- www.dgtap.co.uk/
- www.dumgal.ac.uk
- www.dywdg.co.uk
- School websites



Creative & Digital Media

Course Duration:

You can take this course over a one or two year period. Speak to your pupil support teacher for further details.

Location:

Joint delivery between schools, training provider and employer. Details to be confirmed. Please speak to your pupil support teacher.

Course overview:

This qualification is at SCQF level 6 and includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Creative and Digital Media at SCQF level 6
- Part of the Diploma on Creative Digital Media at SCQF level 7
- A media project unit at SCQF level 6
- A substantial work placement

Whether you are undertaking this course over a one or two-year period, 50% of your study will be towards the NPA and 50% the 'work based' part of the qualification. This is equivalent to one choice over two years or two subject choices over one year.

What do I need?

There are no specific qualifications for this course, but applicants will go through a semi-formal recruitment process and should be able to demonstrate their ability to work at SCQF level 6. Your application will be reviewed by people who know the industry well. You may be able to demonstrate this through National

Qualifications, part-time employment or be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for this area of work – or a combination of.

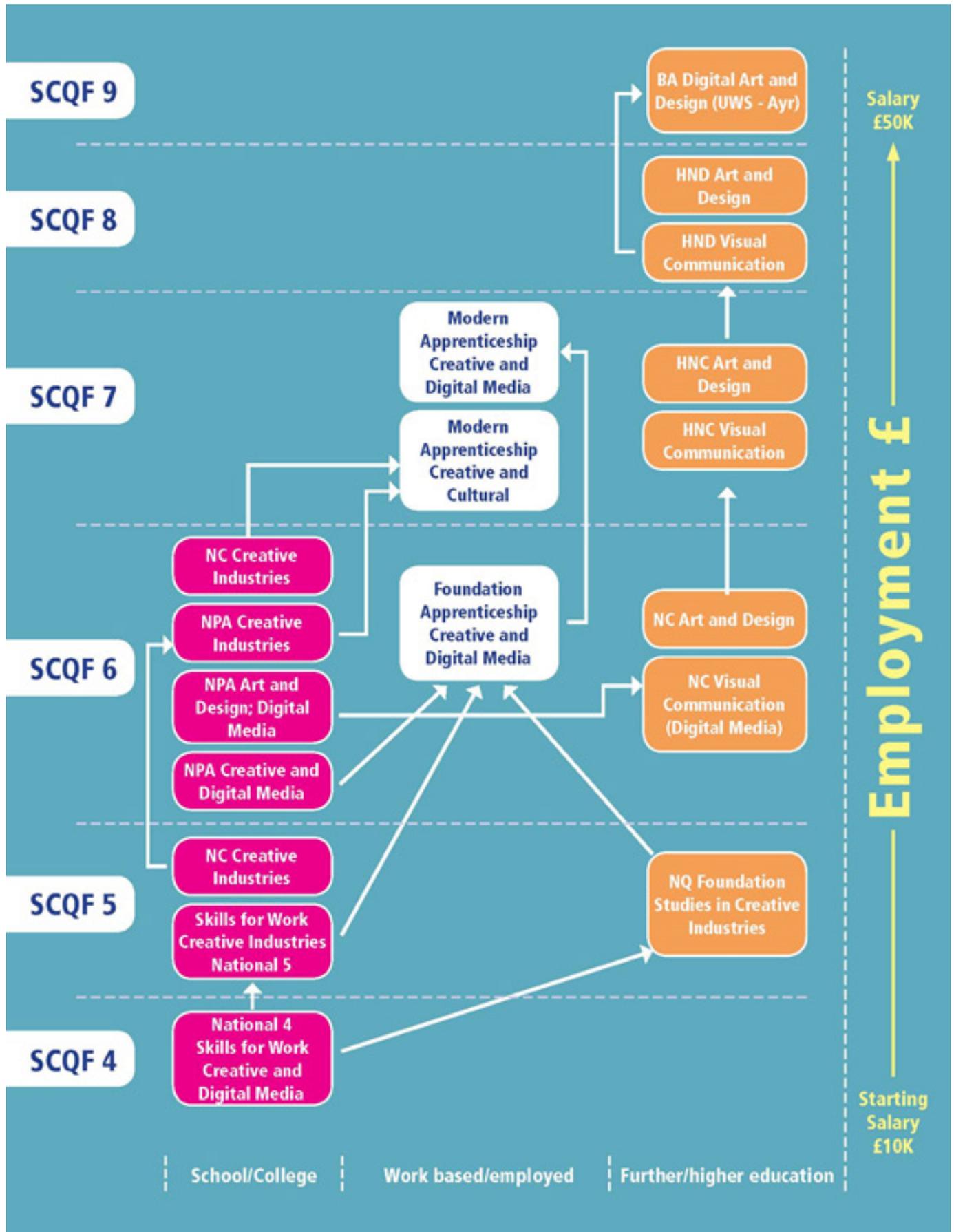
Why Should I Pick This Course?

If you have an interest in the Creative Sector and enjoy working in a hands on, practical manner, this qualification will suit you. Creative Digital Media (CDM) encompasses the range of creative roles where interactive media storytelling and commerce come together.

Creative digital content support services such as marketing, advertising or information gathering, offers a vast array of job roles ranging from pure creative to more technical and data-driven responsibilities.

More importantly, this growing sector needs people! One third of tech companies cite talent shortages as an inhibitor to expansion and there are significant opportunities for young creative people whose interest in digital media extends beyond consuming content and into creating it and getting it out to audiences.

This is an illustration of what could be a pathway for Creative and Digital Media. It is not definitive. This has been created to show the curricular 'fit' of Foundation Apprenticeships as well as the different ways of attaining for future employment in this sector.





Food & Drink Technology

Course Duration:

You can take this course over a one or two year period. Speak to your pupil support teacher for further details.

Location:

Joint delivery between schools, training provider and employer. Details to be confirmed. Please speak to your pupil support teacher.

Course overview:

This qualification is at SCQF level 6 and includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Food Manufacturing at SCQF level 6
- REHIS Unit Elementary Food Hygiene
- REHIS Elementary Health and Safety Certificate
- SVQ in Food and Drink Operations at SCQF level 6 (part of)
- Foundation Apprenticeship Certification Unit

This provides exemption from the SVQ units towards the SVQ in Food and Drink Operations at SCQF Level 6 and Modern Apprenticeship in Food and Drink Operations at SCQF Level 6.

Whether you are undertaking this course over a one or two year period, 50% of your study will be towards the NPA and 50% towards the work based qualification. This is equivalent to one choice over two years or two subject choices over one year.

What do I need?

There are no specific qualifications for this course, but applicants will go through a semi-

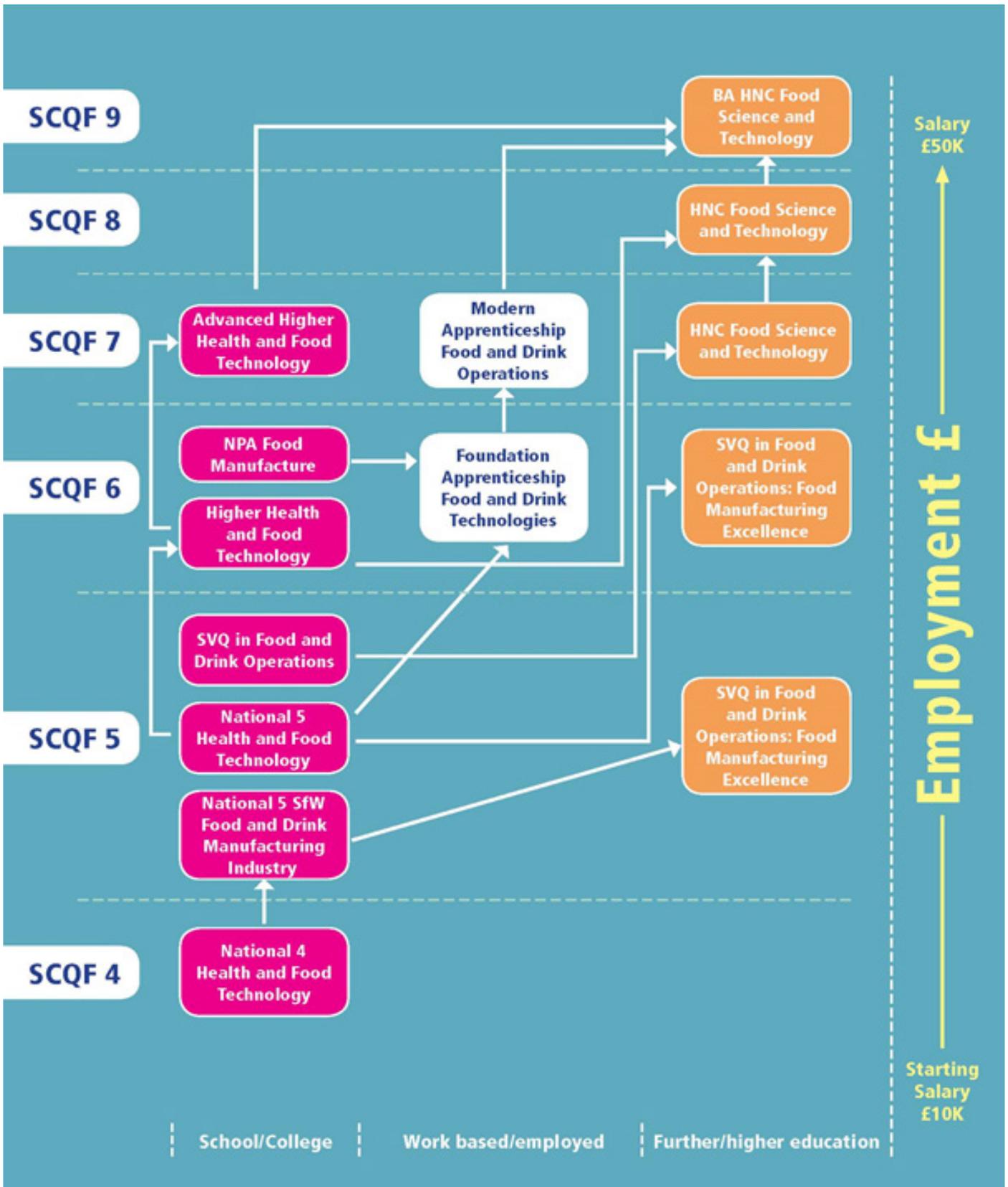
formal recruitment process and should be able to demonstrate their ability to work at SCQF level 6. Your application will be reviewed by people who know the industry well. You may be able to demonstrate this through National Qualifications, part-time employment or be able to demonstrate a genuine passion for this area of work – or a combination of. Potential applicants should have an understanding and appreciation of the diverse range of roles within the Food sector in general (Field to Fork), as well as the capacity to work efficiently on their own and equally in teams. A good level of written and spoken English, Numeracy skills, a motivation to succeed within industry, a willingness to work with due regard to food safety and health & safety and communication and team working skills are all beneficial.

Why Should I Pick This Course:

The food and drink sector offers a range of challenging and rewarding careers, covering a whole range of areas including food science, product development, marketing and communications, nutrition and well-being, HER, packaging, research and design – with a particular demand for engineers.

There will continue to be significant job opportunities across all occupations within the food and drink sector in Scotland – taking account of the changing occupational demand for skills and to replace those who retire, change occupations or move away. Food and drink offers excellent and exciting career prospects. We'll always need food so there will always be jobs!

This is an illustration of what could be a pathway for Food and Drink Technologies. It is not definitive. This has been created to show the curricular 'fit' of Foundation Apprenticeships as well as the different ways of attaining for future employment in this sector.





Engineering

Course Duration:

You will take this course over a two year period, one day (or two half days) in S5 and two full days in S6

Location:

This course will be delivered at the College's Dumfries Campus with the work placement element being delivered at the employer's premises.

Course overview:

This qualification is at SCQF6 and includes:

- A National Certificate (NC) in an Engineering Discipline at SCQF level 6, for example: Engineering Systems, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering.
- Core units of an SVQ in Performing Engineering Operations at SCQF level 5
- Work placement experience/industry challenge
- Foundation Apprenticeship certification

What do I need?

Potential applicants will require to have achieved a National 5 in Maths, a Science and English at C grade or above. You will also need to take an engineering comprehension and aptitude test as well as a semi-formal interview as part of the entry selection process.

Potential applicants should have an understanding and appreciation of the diverse range of roles within Engineering, as well as the capacity to work efficiently on their

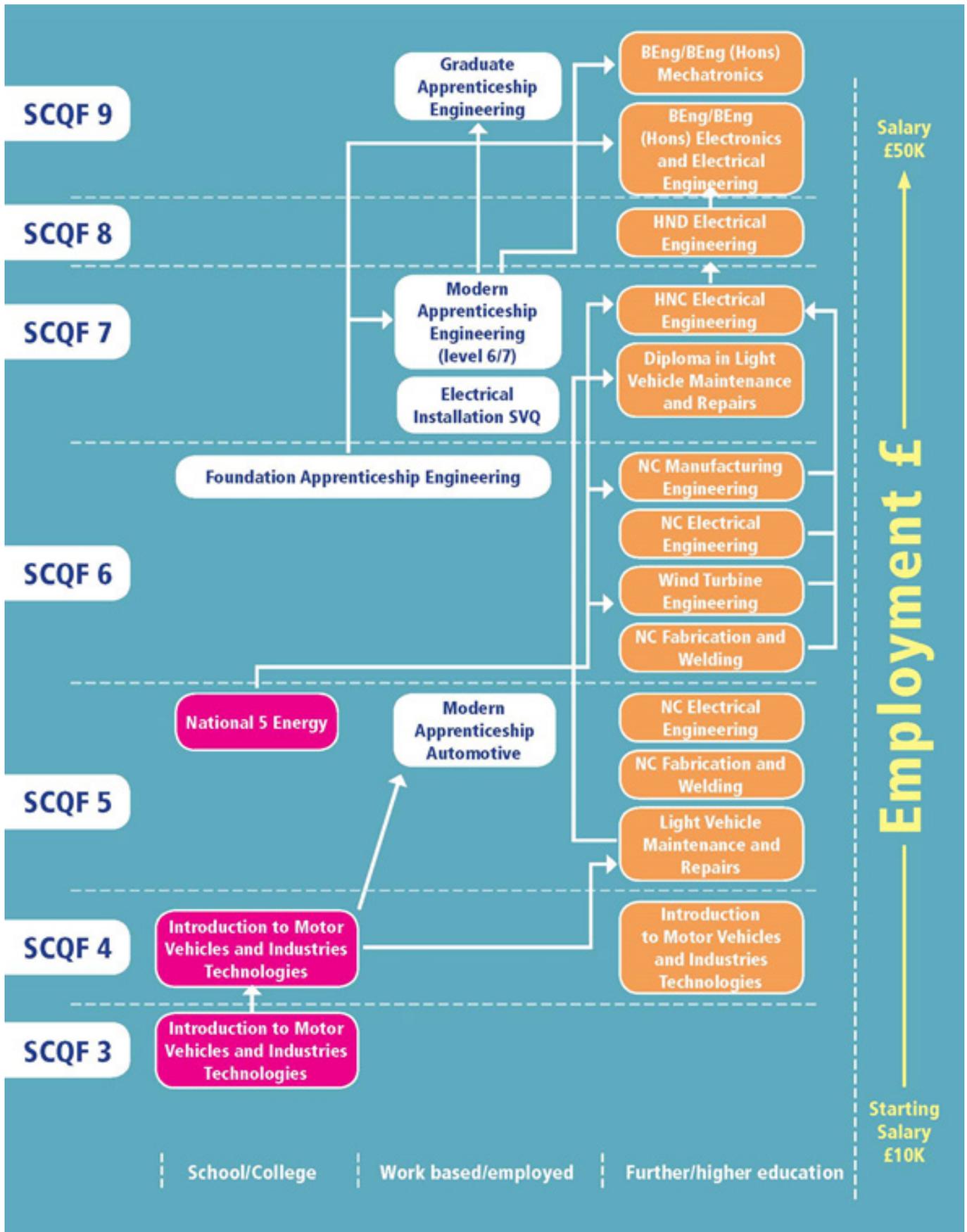
own and equally in teams. A motivation to succeed within industry, a willingness to work with due regard to engineering and health & safety and communication and team working skills are all beneficial.

Why Should I Pick This Course?

Engineers bring ideas to life. They design, create, test and improve all sorts of products and processes. From James Watt's steam engine to Andy Scott's Kelpies, Scotland is great at engineering. It's an industry offering careers in range of sectors including space, aviation, transport, medicine, technology and fashion. You could become an aerospace engineer, chemical engineer, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer or naval architect. You won't always be sitting at a desk and could be working in a laboratory, at sea, underground or a recording studio.

And, there's a huge demand for new engineers. Companies are projected to need 182,000 people with engineering skills each year to 2022 in the UK. There's never been a better time to start your engineering

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Social Services & Healthcare

Course Duration:

You can take this course over a one or two year period. Speak to your pupil support teacher for further details.

Location:

This course will be delivered at the College's Dumfries Campus with the work placement element being delivered at the employer's premises.

Course overview:

This qualification is at SCQF6 and includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 6
- Core units of an SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 6
- A work placement
- Foundation Apprenticeship certification

Whether you are undertaking this course over a one or two year period, 50% of your study will be towards the NPA and 50% towards the work based qualification. This is equivalent to one choice over two years or two subject choices over one year.

What do I need?

Potential applicants will require to have achieved or working towards four National 5 to include English and preferably Maths at B grade or above. You will also need to take part in a semi-formal interview as part of the entry selection process. You must be 18 years old by the second year of this course for placement purposes.

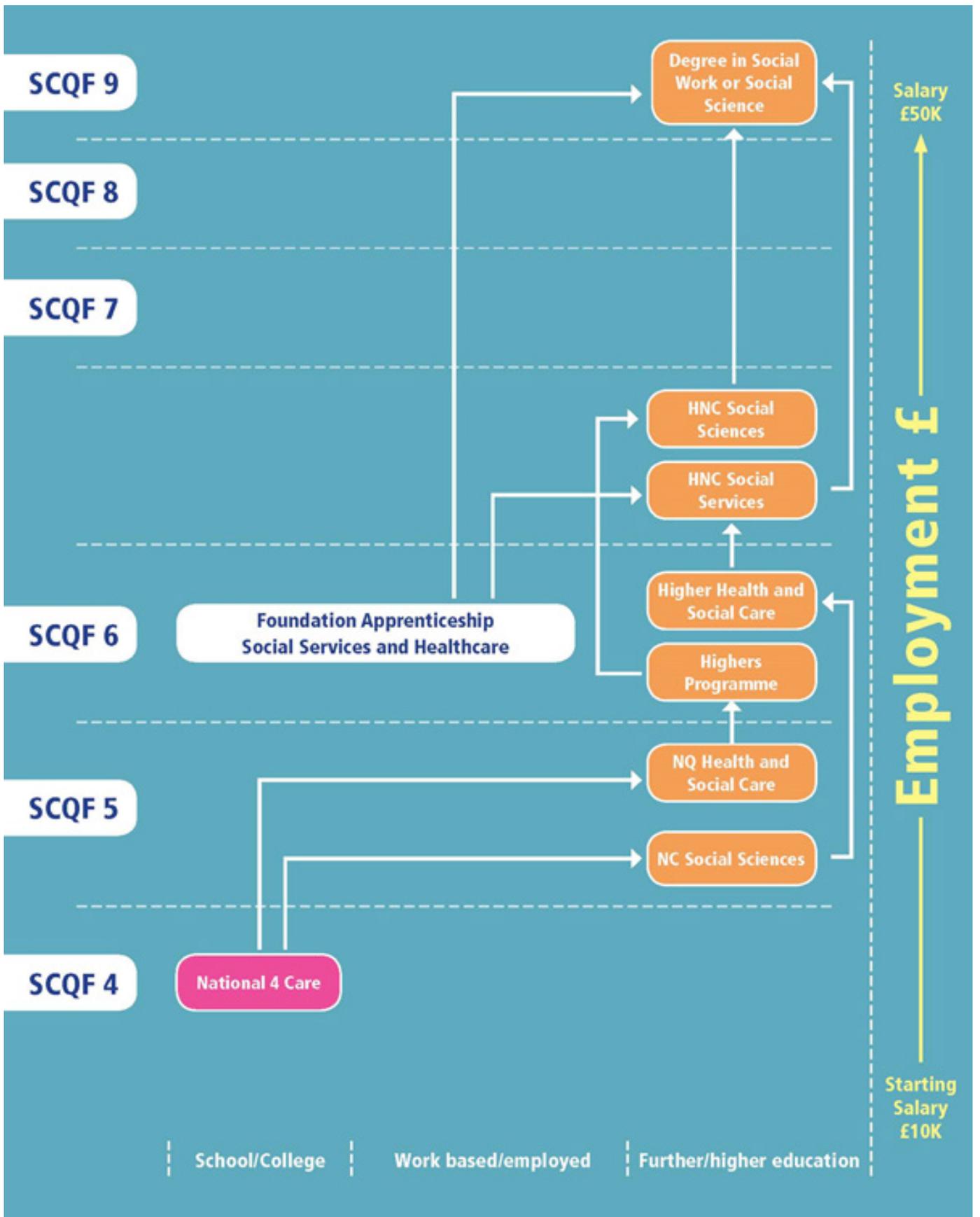
Why Should I Pick This Course?

People are at the heart of healthcare and social services. If you have a passion for improving lives and helping others, a career in this rewarding field could be for you.

Provide support for those in need as an adult nurse or children's nurse. Look after people at home or in residential homes as a care home manager, care assistant or residential support worker. Give advice and support to families to help them improve their lives as a social worker. A Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare helps you prepare for this wide range of different care roles.

Over 161,000 people are currently employed by NHS Scotland. The number of jobs are still growing, and there are great opportunities for progression, too.

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Social Services, Children & Young People

Course Duration:

You can take this course over a one or two year period. Speak to your pupil support teacher for further details.

Location:

This course will be delivered at the College's Dumfries Campus with the work placement element being delivered at the employer's premises.

Course overview:

This qualification is at SCQF6 and includes:

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services, Children and Young People SCQF level 6
- Core units of an SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF level 6
- A work placement
- Foundation Apprenticeship certification

Whether you are undertaking this course over a one or two year period, 50% of your study will be towards the NPA and 50% towards the work based qualification. This is equivalent to one choice over two years or two subject choices over one year.

What do I need?

Potential applicants will require to have achieved or working towards four National 5 to include English and preferably Maths at B grade or above. You will also need to take part in a semi-formal interview as part of the entry selection process.

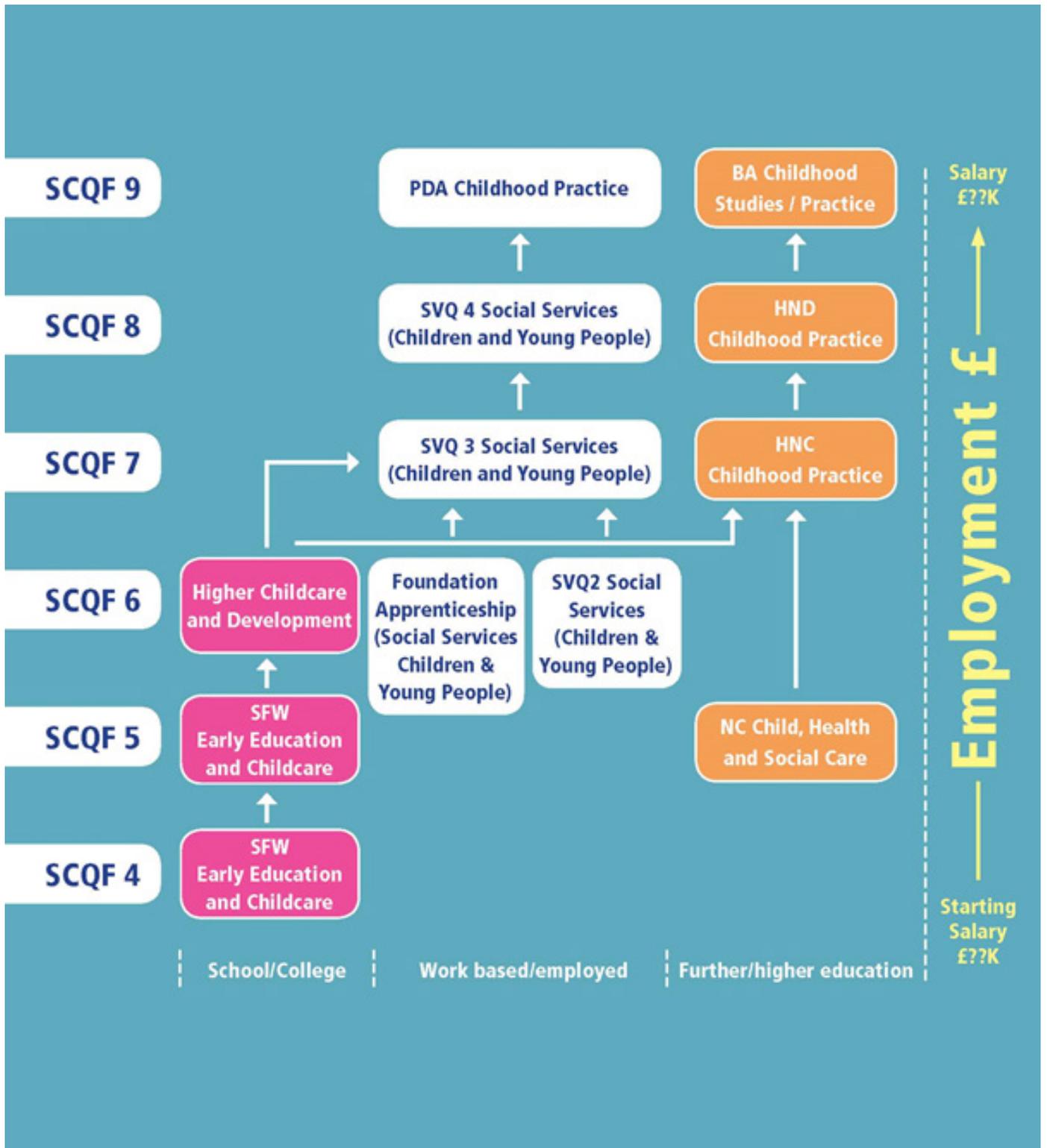
Why Should I Pick This Course?

Every child deserves the best start in life to grow up happy, healthy and confident. You can help make sure this happens.

With this Foundation Apprenticeship, you will be prepared for a wide range of different childcare roles. Look after young children as a nanny, nursery worker or childminder. Organise fun activities, which help young people build their self-esteem as a playworker. Give children and their families vital support as a social worker.

In Scotland, over 203,000 people work in social services. The number of jobs are still growing, and there are great opportunities for progression, too.

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College Opportunities

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

College	Accountancy	Business Skills	Civil Engineering	Creative & Digital Media	Engineering	Financial Services	Food & Drink Technologies	ICT Hardware	ICT Software	Scientific Technologies	Children & Young People	Healthcare
Ayrshire College	●	✓	✓	●	✓	●	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	●
Borders College	●	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²
City of Glasgow College	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓	✓ ²	✓
Dumfries & Galloway College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dundee & Angus College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edinburgh College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓ ¹	✓	✓	●	✓ ¹
Fife College	✓ ¹	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓	✓	●	●	✓ ¹	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
Forth Valley College	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ¹	✓	✓	✓ ²
Glasgow Clyde College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²
Glasgow Kelvin College	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	●	✓	✓	✓ ²
New College Lanarkshire	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
North East Scotland College	✓	✓	✓	✓ ¹	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
South Lanarkshire College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²
University of Highlands and Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West College Scotland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²
West Lothian College	✓ ²	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²

How to read this table:

Same subject area applications
(e.g. FA Accounting to HNC Accounting)

- ✓ Direct entry with FA, no additional qualifications required
- ✓¹ Entry with FA plus unspecified qualifications (e.g. FA, plus additional Higher and/or Nat 5s)
- ✓² Entry with FA plus specified qualifications (e.g. FA plus Higher English and/or Nat 5 Maths)

Different subject area applications
(e.g. FA Accounting to HNC Healthcare)

- FA recognised as a Higher
- No HNC/ID provision for this FA (e.g. FA will be recognised as a Higher)



University Opportunities

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TO DEGREE OPPORTUNITY

How to read this table:

- ✓ The university offers a degree in this subject area
- ★ The university offers enhanced recognition if applying for a degree in the same subject area (e.g. FA Accountancy into Degree Accountancy)
- The university doesn't offer a degree in this subject area. FA recognised as a Higher towards other subjects (e.g. FA Accountancy into Degree Engineering)
- ✗ The university does not recognise FA frameworks in this subject area (FA in this subject area is not recognised as a Higher towards same/other subjects)



University	Accountancy	Business Skills	Creative & Digital Media	Engineering	Financial Services	Food & Drink Technologies	ICT Hardware	ICT Software	Scientific Technologies	Children & Young People	Healthcare
Abertay University	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
Edinburgh Napier University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glasgow Caledonian University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glasgow School of Art	●	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Heriot Watt University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Open University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Queen Margaret University Edinburgh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert Gordon University	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Scotland's Rural College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Aberdeen ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Dundee ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Edinburgh	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
University of Glasgow ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of St Andrews ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Stirling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Strathclyde ⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Highlands and Islands ⁵	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
University of the West of Scotland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹Excludes Medicine and Dentistry ²Excludes Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Medicine ³Excludes Medicine ⁴Excludes Law. If applying for Engineering, only FA in Civil or Engineering will be recognised ⁵Enhanced recognition varies per framework, equivalent to 2 Highers for most frameworks

Case Study - Fergus Lambert

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Foundation Apprenticeships providing skills for the future



The chance to try engineering through a Foundation Apprenticeship has led to a job for the future for Fergus Lambert.

The 17-year-old, left from Annan wasn't sure what career he wanted to pursue before he took up his Foundation Apprenticeship as a fifth year pupil at Lockerbie Academy.

Fergus said: "I hadn't thought about a career in engineering so, when I found out about the option to take an Engineering Foundation Apprenticeship as a subject at school, I thought I'd give it a try."

Alongside Higher and National 5, Fergus took his Foundation Apprenticeship through Dumfries & Galloway College, getting out of the classroom one day a week.

He gained experience in a workshop environment as well as learning office-based aspects such as technical drawing.

Fergus said: "Gaining experience of the job and gaining the skills through college was fantastic."

"It put me in a new, work-based environment where I could gain more experiences and skills compared to being in the classroom."

Now in the second year of his Foundation Apprenticeship, Fergus has completed work-based learning with local employer Cochran UK, which produces industrial hot water and steam boilers for a range of businesses, including the main whisky distilleries in Scotland.

The manufacturer already employs Modern Apprentices and believes Foundation Apprenticeships are another crucial way of ensuring it can maintain a skilled workforce.

Fergus' new found love of the industry impressed the employer and now he's been offered a Modern Apprenticeship with the firm.

Graham Smith, Cochran UK HR Manager, explained: "Many of our staff are older, and the business needs to attract the right type of people who can take on the specialist skills needed within our industry."

"Foundation Apprenticeships are great because we can introduce our business to young people early on."

During his time at Cochran UK, Fergus experienced the manufacturing process first-hand. He explained: "I made a couple of material parts for boilers using lathes."

Graham Smith said: "Fergus really impressed us. The man he was working alongside was a turner, which is a specialist role. He is 60 years old, so to have Fergus learn from him is ideal, to ensure we keep the skills in the business."

PUPILS LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR CAREERS

Staff Reporter

Young people from across Dumfries and Galloway have become some of the first in Scotland to gain a new, industry-led qualification while at school.

Schools in the area have teamed up with learning providers such as colleges to offer senior pupils Foundation Apprenticeships as a subject choice - so they can get out of the classroom and get work-based learning.

The Foundation Apprenticeships offer a new way for young people to get a head-start on their careers. The apprenticeships are open to pupils in S5 and S6 to choose alongside their other subjects.

They usually take two years to complete and provide a qualification at the same level as a Higher, which is accepted by all of Scotland's universities and colleges.

There are 12 different types of Foundation Apprenticeship, all based on demand for skills from employers and jobs for the future.

Pupils combine time out of the classroom with a learning provider -

School students benefit from work-based apprenticeships

usually a college - and in a workplace.

It's a way to gain a foothold in the working world, while getting a worthwhile qualification to help boost your CV credentials.

This means pupils completing Foundation Apprenticeships have got a head-start on moving on to a job, a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship or going to university or college.

Foundation Apprenticeships are developed by Skills Development Scotland with support from the European Social Fund.

Of the pupils who have taken Foundation Apprenticeships, 94 per cent reported improved communication, 90 per cent had gained confidence, 87 per cent reported improved team-working skills and 76 per cent had improved problem solving.

Here, one young person describes his own experiences.



There are 12 types of Foundation Apprenticeships, covering in-demand skills and improving the job prospects - and earning potential - for young students:

- Accountancy
- Business Skills
- Civil Engineering
- Creative and Digital Media
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Hardware and System Support
- Scientific Technologies
- Social Services: Children and Young People
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Software Development

Skills Development Scotland

To find out which Foundation Apprenticeships are available in your area, go to [apprenticeships.scot/foundation](https://www.apprenticeships.scot/foundation)

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