

Health and Social Care

Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Assistant Practitioner Health and Social Care

Campus: University Centre Rotherham

Code: D08HE01

Type: Full Time

This qualification prepares adults, without traditional qualifications, the knowledge, skills and behaviours for higher-level study at university, who have aspirations to become the health and social care professionals of the future.

It offers individuals the opportunity to progress onto direct entry routes to support their aspirations in a plethora of health and social care disciplines.

Why Study With Us?

- RNN is the hub for higher skills in health and social care, we have a **health suite** [<https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/about/our-facilities/health-and-social-care-2/>] that consists of a simulated ward, in which students are able to have hands-on practice of their newly developed skills, as well as a lab and clean and modern classrooms for theory studies. These facilities will enable you to aim high with your education and get practical experience in a learning environment.
- Our campus is small, friendly and is designed for HE students.
- You will gain access to our Professional Practice Alumni Events.

- Careers guidance and skills workshops delivered by specialist tutors, guest speakers and employers with real life experiences in the industry.
- A caring and compassionate learning environment.
- Support in applying for university courses (via UCAS).

Modules Covered

You will study a range of modules to support in acquiring the required level on knowledge skills and behaviours needed to progress onto your intended pathways from Work Based learning, Research skills and transition to professional practice to name but a few.

Entry Requirements

- Prior to starting the programme, applicants need to evidence the following academic entry criteria:
 - GCSE English at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent),
 - GCSE Maths at Grade C (4) and above (or equivalent).
 - Recognised equivalents include Functional Skills Level 2 and Key Skills Level 2, IELTS or a UK ENIC Verified qualification. We may accept GCSE Maths at Grade D (3) if the universities and courses that you're wanting to apply for currently accept this grade.
 - Students are also required to have a full level 3 qualification, we do offer a portfolio of evidence for those who do not have this due to working in the sector for a prolonged period of time.

Additional information:

- We may also pursue academic references from your current/previous educational provider(s).
- We advise learners to conduct their own research, initially with universities, to ensure that their qualifications are accepted by universities. We accept no liability for this.
- Due to the total of guided learning hours for this qualification, this course is only eligible for those who have finished post-compulsory education.

How To Apply

Apply online through the UCR website or UCAS

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

After completion of this course, learners have progressed on to study the following courses:

- Nursing (Adult)
- Nursing (Mental Health)
- Nursing (Child)
- Midwifery
- Physiotherapy

- Paramedic Practice
- Social Work
- Occupational Therapy
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Radiotherapy and Oncology
- Operating Department Practice
- Nurse Associate
- Assistant Practitioner
- Biomedical Science
- Biology
- Criminology and Psychology

- Psychology
- Public Health and Nutrition
- Primary Education (5-11) with QTS
- Health and Human Sciences
- Professional Practice in Health and Social care

At the following universities:

- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Sheffield
- Leeds Beckett University
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BPP University
(Doncaster)

- University of
Huddersfield
- Teeside
University
- University of Bradford
- University of Derby
- University
of Hull
- University of
York
- York St John University
- Nottingham Trent
University

- University Centre
Rotherham (Part of RNN Group)
- University of
Chester
- University
of Birmingham
- Open
University
- University
Of Lincoln

Career Opportunities

- Nursing (Adult)
- Nursing (Mental Health)
- Nursing (Child)
- Midwifery
- Physiotherapy
- Paramedic Practice
- Social Work

- Occupational Therapy
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Radiotherapy and Oncology
- Operating Department Practice
- Nurse Associate
- Assistant Practitioner
- Biomedical Scientist
- Biologist
- Psychologist

Tuition Fees

Course fees are ??.

Funding options:

This course qualifies for student finance funding for the course costs as well as the maintenance options for students also.

Additional Information

To support you during your time at College, you can apply for bursary support which offers a contribution towards the costs of studying. Although funding is limited and allocated on a first come first served basis, we would encourage learners to apply. For further information, [click here](https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/student-support/finance/) [https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/information/student-support/finance/].

PLEASE NOTE

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2026-27. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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