



Options for Senior Phase Students at Orkney College UHI

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Introduction

Orkney College UHI deliver a variety of options, which comprise part of **The Orkney Offer**. The Orkney Offer is a diet of programmes, awards and units, which allow you to personalise your learning pathway during the senior phase and where it is possible, combine part of your week out of school at both Orkney College UHI and in the workplace.

We are delighted that you are considering Senior Phase options available to you from Orkney College UHI and hope that there is a course in this booklet, which is of interest.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss more fully the options available – please do get in touch on (01856) 569000 to arrange an appointment.

Foundation Apprenticeships available at Orkney College UHI starting in 2021 (SCQF Level 6).

Foundation Apprenticeships are a work-based learning opportunity for senior phase secondary pupils. You can begin a Foundation Apprenticeship in S5 where you can spend time out of school at Orkney College and with a local employer, gaining valuable real-world experience while studying alongside other subjects such as National 5's and Highers. One year 'fast track' option is also available on three frameworks, typically for S6 pupils.

All Foundation Apprenticeships are at SCQF level 6. SQA is the awarding body. Upon successful completion, you will achieve a Joint Qualification Certificate for both the Foundation Apprenticeship as well as certification for each of the component parts, National Progression Award (NPA) and SVQ Units.

“A Foundation Apprenticeship can lead straight into a job, further study at college or university, or a fast-track Modern Apprenticeship.”

Diane Greenlees, Head of Foundation and Graduate Level Apprenticeships, SDS

The following frameworks are available from Orkney College:

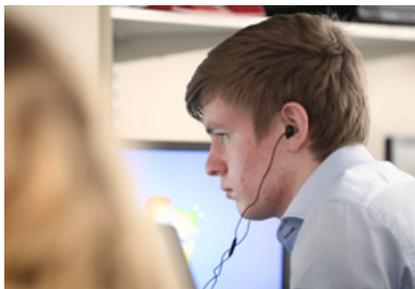
- **Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills**
(one year and two year options available)
- **Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare**
(one year and two year options available)
- **Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services, Children and Young People**
(one year and two year options available)
- **Foundation Apprenticeship in Information Technology: Software Development** (2 years)
- **Foundation Apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering SCQF level 6**
Curriculum is currently under review and further details will follow once confirmed

Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills

SCQF Level 6 (one year or two years)

This programme has been designed if you are interested in pursuing a career within the business or service sector, or intend to progress into further study in this area.

To enrol on this programme you should also be studying **Higher Business Management** at school since units from the Higher form part of the programme.



The course comprise the following:

- National Progression Award (NPA) in Business Skills (comprising six units including two units from Higher Business Management)
- SVQ Level 3 Business and Administration (four units)
- Work placement

Entry requirements for the programme:

There are no formal entry requirements for studying a Foundation Apprenticeship however as this is a level 6 SCQF award, you should be working towards achieving at this level. The Course Leader will be able to provide individual guidance.

Study mode:

YEAR 1 (fast track): This option will be discussed at interview.

YEAR 1 (two year programme): One day per week or two half days

Plus

Placement (10 hours per week) if fast track or half day if over two years

Progression

Upon successful completion the following are examples of what you are able to do next:

- Progression into employment,
- Progression onto a Modern Apprenticeship – (by completing the four remaining units from the SVQ Level 3 Business and Administration; this will lead to the award of the full SVQ in Level 3 Modern Apprenticeship Business and Administration)
- Progression to HNC Business
- Progression to University programmes.

Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare – SCQF Level 6 (one year or two years)



This programme was designed for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the Care sector. This growing sector currently employs one in every thirteen people in Scotland.

In Orkney, NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council are the largest employers of social care staff in both health and care.

Entry requirements for the programme:

There are no formal entry requirements for studying a Foundation Apprenticeship however as this is a level 6 SCQF award; you should be working towards achieving at this level. The Course Leader will be able to provide individual guidance.

You will also need to have a clear check for working with Protected and Vulnerable Groups (PVG).

Course Content

The course content comprises a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services and Healthcare (SCQF level 6) and SVQ units in Social Services and Healthcare:

Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare – CONT.

YEAR 1 (Fast Track): This option will be discussed at interview.

YEAR 1:

- Social Services in Scotland – 1.0 National Unit credit at SCQF level 6
- Communication in Care Relationships – 1.0 National Unit credit at SCQF level 6
- Safeguarding People – 1.0 National Unit credit at SCQF level 6
- Human Development and Social Influences – 0.5 National Unit credit level 6
- Safe Practice and Wellbeing in Social Services 0.5 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Work placement (fast track students only*)

YEAR 2:

- Four units of the SVQ Social Services and Healthcare as follows:
- Communicate with, and complete records for individuals
- Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals
- Develop your knowledge and practice
- Ensure your own actions support the care, protection and well-being of individuals
- Work placement

Progression

Upon successful completion, the following are examples of what you are able to do next:

- Progression into employment,
- Progression into a Modern Apprenticeship
- Progression to HNC Social Services and Care and Administrative Practice
- Progression to University programmes.

*Fast track students will start SVQ units from June

Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) in Social Services Children & Young People – SCQF Level 6 (one year or two years)



This programme was designed for those individuals interested in pursuing a career working with children and young people. You will learn how children develop, play and learn as well as child protection.

The course comprises a National Progression Award (NPA) at SCQF level 6 and four units from the SVQ 2 Social Services Children and Young People. You will also undertake a work placement.

Entry requirements for the programme:

There are no formal entry requirements for studying a Foundation Apprenticeship however as this is a level 6 SCQF award, you should be working towards achieving at this level. The Course Leader will be able to provide individual guidance.

You will also need to have a clear check for working with Protected and Vulnerable Groups (PVG).

Course Content

The course content comprises a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children & Young People) (SCQF level 6) and SVQ units in Social Services (Children & Young People)

Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) in Social Services Children & Young People – CONT.

YEAR 1 (Fast Track): This option will be discussed at interview.

YEAR 1

- Play for Children and Young People 1.0 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Communication with Children and Young People 1.0 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Safeguarding of Children and Young People 1.0 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Wellbeing and Safety of Children and Young People 0.5 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Development of Children and Young People 0.5 National Unit Credit at SCQF level 6
- Work placement (fast track students only*)

YEAR 2:

Four mandatory SVQ units from Social Services Children & Young People as follows:

- Support effective communication
- Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals
- Develop your knowledge and practice
- Support the safeguarding of children
- Work placement

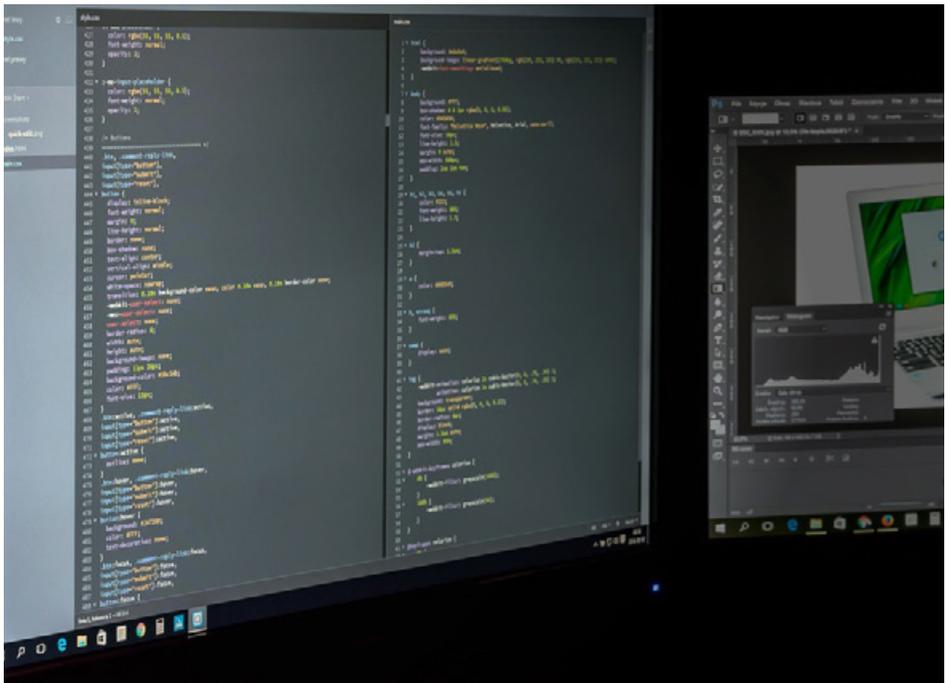
Progression:

Upon successful completion, the following are examples of what you are able to do next:

- Progression into employment,
- Progression into a Modern Apprenticeship
- Progression to HNC Childhood Practice
- Progression to University programmes

*Fast track students will start SVQ units from June

Foundation Apprenticeship in Information Technology: Software Development – SCQF Level 6 (two years)



This Foundation Apprenticeship in Information Technology (IT) is designed for those considering a career in the IT sector. This is a growing sector in Orkney and Scotland itself is highly dependent on both its Information Technology (IT) and Telecommunications workforce. The sector increasingly underpins the economy and is clearly integral to information, business and consumer services, health and leisure and modern day social networking. The IT industry supports a diverse range of employment opportunities in the areas of IT Technical Support, Software Developer (including Apps and Games), Web Developer, Database Administrator as well as Management Information Systems and Cyber Security.

Entry requirements for the programme:

There are no formal entry requirements for studying a Foundation Apprenticeship however as this is a level 6 SCQF award, you should be working towards achieving at this level. The Course Leader will be able to provide individual guidance.

Foundation Apprenticeship in Information Technology: Software Development – CONT.

Course content:

YEAR ONE:

- Authoring a Website
- Applications Development
- Software Design and Development
- Event Driven Programming
- Work Placement

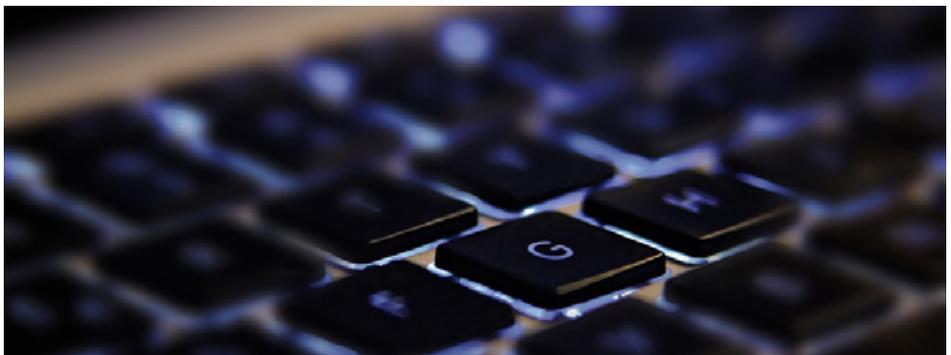
YEAR TWO:

- Health and Safety (CBQ)
- Personal Effectiveness (CBQ)
- Data Modelling (CBQ)
- Investigating and Defining Customer Requirements (CBQ)
- Work Placement

Progression

Upon successful completion, the following are examples of what you are able to do next:

- Progression into employment,
- Progression into a Modern Apprenticeship (Information and Telecommunications)
- Progression to HNC Computing
- Progression to University programmes.



National 4 (or SCQF Level 4 equivalent) and Skills for Work programmes available at Orkney College UHI

At Orkney College there are a range of National 4 programmes which are designed to introduce you to areas which you may be currently considering for employment or for further study.

NPA Construction Craft and Technician at SCQF Level 4

This Group Award is designed to provide opportunities for Senior Phase learners to experience a variety of construction disciplines. You will work towards the completion of a project while still enjoying the benefits of attending the college. The group award covers vocational areas which provide opportunities for developing skills that are valid and relevant in today's construction sector including Carpentry & Joiner and Bricklaying and you will be required to attend college and use VLE for 3 hours per week for 1 year.

Skills for Work: Early Learning and Child Care – National 4 (SCQF level 4)

This course is designed if you have an interest in working in a childcare setting or if you have an interest in the development of children.

Skills for Work: Hairdressing – National 4 (SCQF level 4)

This course will introduce you to hairdressing and help build your skills and confidence to work in this sector. It is especially suitable if you are considering progressing to higher-level qualifications in the future.

Introduction to Bakery Course - National 4 (SCQF level 4)

If you want to improve your confidence in producing a variety of bakery products then the Introduction to Bakery Course will help you do that. The course is fully practical and pupils can be supported with tasks if necessary. Units include bread making, general bakery and cake decoration. Star Baker awards are given at different stages throughout the course. (Please note that there is a charge for consumables)

National Progression Award (NPA) in Bakery – National 4 (SCQF level 4)

If you are a fan of 'The Bake Off' then you may be interested in this course which will help you to develop skills in craft baking, bread making, cake decorating and pastry. At the end of the course, there will be the opportunity to participate in our own Bake Off competition! (Please note that there is a charge for both uniform and consumables).



National 4 (or SCQF Level 4 equivalent) and Skills for Work programmes available at Orkney College UHI

Mental Health and Wellbeing award – National 4 (SCQF level 4)

The award has been designed to enable you to increase your understanding and awareness of issues around mental health and wellbeing. As a result, you will learn healthy coping strategies to undertake further education, training or employment and live a healthier lifestyle.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing award has been designed to contribute to the development of the four purposes of the Curriculum for Excellence: successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Skills for Work: Rural Skills

– National 4 (SCQF level 4)

This course develops some of the underpinning employability and practical skills necessary to work in most of the land-based disciplines; areas such as land based industries, horticulture, landscaping, agricultural crop production and estate maintenance.



National 4/Intermediate 2 Coastal Navigation (based at the Stromness Maritime Centre) – National 4 (SCQF level 4)



This course builds on the short chart-work module in National 5 Skills for Work Maritime and is an ideal course for those who have completed Skills for Work and intend to continue their studies in Maritime subjects or for those wishing to continue a career at sea. The programme combines classroom-based study with practical boat work and by the end of the course, you will be able to bring a boat to a point at sea from co-ordinates.

National 5 (or SCQF Level 5 equivalent) and Skills for Work programmes available at Orkney College UHI

NPA Construction Skills at SCQF Level 5

This Group Award is designed to equip Senior Phase learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills to gain employment within the construction industry particularly as a craft Modern Apprentice or progress to a higher level qualification. To undertake this qualification you must have successfully completed the NPA Construction Craft and Technician at SCQF Level 4 (or equivalent) and are required to attend college and use VLE for a minimum of 3 hours per week for 1 year.

Mental Health and Wellbeing award – National 5 (SCQF level 5)

The award has been designed to enable learners to increase understanding and awareness of issues around mental health and wellbeing. As a result, you will learn healthy coping strategies to undertake further education, training or employment and live a healthier lifestyle. The Mental Health and Wellbeing award has been designed to contribute to the development of the four purposes of the Curriculum for Excellence: successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

National 5 Psychology – (at SCQF level 5)

Psychology continues to be a popular subject choice and this programme covers the use of appropriate psychological concepts, theories, research methods and evidence to investigate and explain human behaviour in a range of contexts. Typical entry requirement: Four National 4's, including English.

Skills for Work: Sport and Recreation – National 4 (SCQF level 4)

This course covers the main practical aspects involved in carrying out a support role in a sport and recreation environment. Based at the Pickaquoy Centre, you will learn how to set up and dismantle equipment safely; deal effectively with customers and staff; help plan and review a personal training programme as well as establish good practice in setting and reviewing personal goals. There will be an interview for this course.

Skills for Work: Engineering – National 5 (SCQF level 5)

This National 5 course provides a basis for progression into Further Education or for moving directly into training. The course focuses on the broad areas of Mechanical, Fabrication, Electrical, Electronic, Maintenance, and includes Design and Manufacture. Entry Requirements are typically, 4 National 4's including Maths and English.

Skills for Work: Early Learning and Child Care – National 5 (SCQF level 5)

This course is designed if you have an interest in working in a childcare setting or if you have an interest in the development of children. It offers progression for National 4 candidates but is also a suitable level of entry for candidates with an aptitude and who would be able to succeed with the additional demand at National 5.

National 5 (or SCQF Level 5 equivalent) and Skills for Work programmes available at Orkney College UHI

Skills for Work: Maritime Skills (based at the Stromness Maritime Centre) – National 5 (SCQF level 5)

This course comprises five units and includes a wide range of maritime skills and knowledge. The programme is both practical and theoretical and offers an excellent start if you are considering a career in the maritime industry. The course includes practical work on the water as well as classroom sessions to include Seamanship; Small Boat Engineering; Careers at Sea; Chart work; Weather and Boat handling. The course also incorporates health and safety training and opportunity to gain STCW Personal Survival Techniques and STCW Elementary First Aid certificates.

National Progression Award (NPA) Cyber Security with Games Design – (at SCQF level 5)

Comprising of two national progression awards, this course is ideally suited to those interested in forging a career in a computing or those looking to boost their current skillset.

The Cyber Security NPA enables students to investigate and apply contemporary forensic technologies relating to cyber-crime; including crime scene investigation, SQL attacks, data security and hijacking. In addition to this, students will learn how law enforcement agencies use these technologies in real world investigations.

The Games Design NPA will see students required to play and evaluate existing games as well as becoming proficient Unreal Engine developers through our partnership with Epic Games. By the end of the module, students will be able design and create a game using their own graphics, sounds and animations which they will be able to take home to play on their own PC.



Skills for Work: Travel and Tourism National 5 (SCQF Level 5)

National 5 Skills for Work: Travel and Tourism is an introductory qualification that will help students to learn about the tourism industry including what typical skills and knowledge are required to work in this industry (employability skills). Topics include researching tourist activities, learning about customer service and learning in real or simulated workplace settings via role play. The four units which are assessed are: Employability, Customer Service, Travel and Tourism: Scotland and Tourism: UK and Worldwide. This course is also available at National 4 level.

Highers (SCQF Level 6) programmes at Orkney College UHI

Orkney College offer the following Highers as part of the Senior Phase Orkney Offer:

Care (Higher)



The main purpose of the course is to enable you to understand and explain why people use care services. You will develop an understanding of human development using psychological and sociological theories and the values expected for contemporary care practice for health and social care settings. This course is of interest if you are considering a career in the health or social care sector.

Childcare and Development (Higher)

In this course you will study child development and the roles and responsibilities of practitioners, other professionals and parents/carers in meeting the needs of children from pre-birth to 16. This course is of interest if you are considering a career in the health or social care sector.

Psychology (Higher)

This popular course serves as an introduction to the discipline of psychology, and encourages development of more in-depth knowledge and understanding, and research skills. The three units cover Social Behaviour, Individual Behaviour and Research.

Entry requirements for all Highers typically include two national 5 awards, one of which must be English.

Modules for HNC Certificate Courses (SCQF Level 7)

If you are considering further study, the following modules from these Higher Education programmes may prove an interesting opportunity as part of your Senior Phase diet. For further information, we recommend that you contact the Course Leader.

HNC Computing

The following modules from HNC Computing are available:

- Multi User Operating Systems
- Developing Software: Introduction
- Technical Support: Supporting Users — Hardware
- Technical Support: Supporting Users — Software
- Database Design Fundamentals
- SQL: Introduction

HNC Business

The following modules from HNC Business are available:

- Research Skills (involves a mini project)
- Marketing
- Digital Marketing Communications: An Introduction
- Human Resource Management
- Economics: an introduction
- Business Accounting
- Personal Enterprise Skills

Entry requirements: You typically need to have achieved a minimum of one Higher to study modules from HNC courses.

Online Degree Modules from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) (SCQF Level 7)

If you are considering progressing to study at Higher Education level, the following units provide an exciting opportunity of studying with other undergraduate students across the Highlands and Islands. In addition, it is possible to transfer awarded credit to other UK HEI's. All of these units involve either blended learning (a combination of face-to-face and online learning) or distance learning.

Nature of Health (SCQF Level 7) (20 credits)

This online module explores many aspects of health, pertinent to anyone entering a health, social or child related discipline.

Scotland's Music (SCQF Level 7) (20 credits)

This exciting and popular module exploring Scotland's Music where you will have the opportunity to study with other students across the Highlands and Islands.

In this module you will examine some of the rich artistic heritage of Scotland's music, and in particular its contribution to the Highlands and Islands. The module begins with early music and musical instruments, as far back as the Bronze Age. Thereafter the socio-historical contexts of the fiddle, bagpipe and Clarsach are considered, as well as the impact of religion on Scottish music, including Folk and Ballad traditions.

An Introduction to Highlands and Islands Tourism (SCQF level 7) (20 credits)

This module offers an opportunity to acquire a broad based view of the tourism industry. Guest lectures from key figures in the industry and local entrepreneurs will join to offer a valuable insight into their area.

Archaeology and Local Studies (SCQF Level 7) (20 credits)

The module is an introduction to the principles and practice of archaeology, using local case studies, including multi-disciplinary studies, and including a chronological picture of local archaeology.

Online Degree Modules from the University of the Highlands and Islands – CONT.

Scotland the Brand (SQF Level 7) (20 credits)

Think of Scotland, and think of kilts, bagpipes, tartan and shortbread. This module introduces students to the idea of how “Scotland the Brand” has been formulated over the centuries and how it is portrayed in the modern era, through tourism, retail, the media, the heritage and tourism industry and within Scotland itself. Students are expected to visit historical or archaeological sites and/or Scottish themed retail units within their locality at both the beginning and end of the module and try to identify what makes them uniquely ‘Scottish’. They will then compare and contrast their initial with their final thoughts, which will allow them to identify just what Scotland’s ‘Brand’ really is.

Historic Landscapes (SCQF Level 7) (20 credits)

This module will introduce you to the great complexity of landscape using case studies from both the Highlands & Islands and more widely across the British Isles. It will encourage awareness that landscape is constructed from historical processes played out in physical constraints and human social, economic and political factors.

Entry requirements for online degree modules is that you need to have typically achieved a minimum of three Highers.







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