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FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP

Foundation Apprenticeship in Hardware & System Support

Prepare your future employees for the world of work

Foundation Apprenticeships aim to give school pupils the opportunity to develop the theoretical knowledge, skills and work experience needed to enter into a career in their chosen subject.

Pupils complete a Foundation Apprenticeship in S5 and S6, alongside Highers or Nationals. They spend time out of school at college and with employers like you.

Read on to find out how you can help provide a young person with the unique opportunity to get on-the-job training and an industry-recognised qualification.

Benefits of taking on a Foundation Apprentice

- Spot talented, motivated pupils who could become your future employees
- Foundation Apprentices work on real projects with your staff. They bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to those tasks
- Young people get to know your business. So if you choose to recruit, they can come in with a useful working knowledge of it
- Foundation Apprenticeships are designed with employers like you. So, they help young people build the skills your industry actually needs for the future
- Foundation Apprenticeships give you an opportunity to deliver on the recommendations for employers from Developing Scotland's Young Workforce
- Build stronger links with local schools and colleges
- Young people also develop the soft skills – like time management, teamwork and communication - that come from quality work experience. So they're better prepared for the workplace when they leave school

What is the Foundation Apprenticeship in Hardware and System Support?

Starting in S5 and running over two years, the Foundation Apprenticeship in Hardware and System Support provides pupils the qualifications, skills and experience necessary for working towards a career in the IT industry.

The programme combines the National Progression Award in Professional Computer Fundamentals at SCQF Level 6 along with elements of the Modern Apprenticeship in IT & Telecommunications.

Candidates will take on mandatory work experience units, offering them real-life experience in the industry to give them a taste of potential careers and transferable skills for the future.

Not any student can apply for the Foundation Apprenticeship. Pupils must have gained or be working towards National 5 Computing Science, Mathematics or Physics and Intermediate 2 Core Skills Numeracy, Communications, ICT, Problem Solving and Working with Others.

What the student receives

On completion of our Foundation Apprenticeship programme, successful students will have gained:

- Foundation Apprenticeship in ICT: Hardware & System Support
- Significant and relevant work experience
- Core units of Modern Apprenticeship programme
- NPA in Professional Computer Fundamentals
- Possible Microsoft qualifications
- Guaranteed interview with employers to progress to Modern Apprenticeship
- Option to progress to HNC/D at college
- Option to progress to University

What's included?

S5

In S5, pupils will attend college two half days per week and in S6 pupils will attend College one half day per week and a full day in a workplace. In the workplace, candidates will complete work-based units including Personal Effectiveness, Health & Safety in IT & Telecoms, IT & Telecom System Operation, Testing IT & Telecom Systems, and Working with IT & Telecoms Hardware and Equipment units.

Pupils will be introduced to the industry, what employment opportunities are available and how IT skills learned from the apprenticeship can be used in the workplace.

This will include visits to various employers and talks from industry professionals, like you.

S6

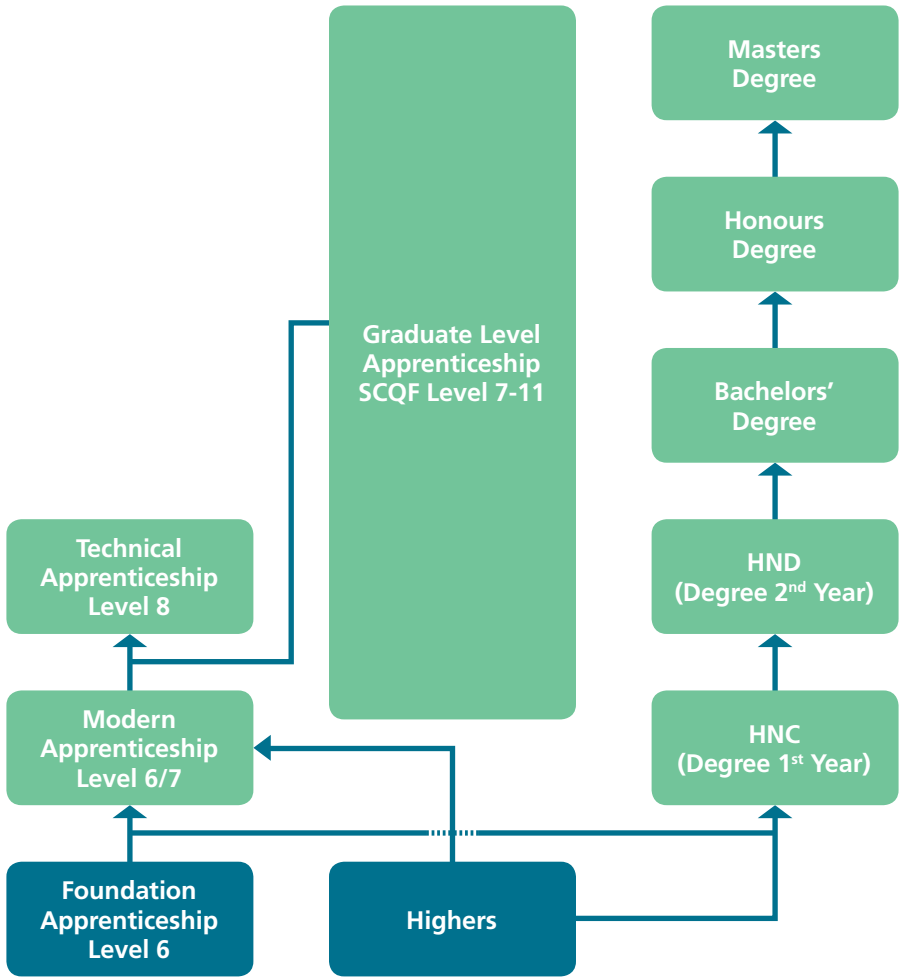
In S6 candidates will complete any outstanding units and the remained of any core or optional units from the National Progression Award, and will be supported with gathering work-based evidence.

Pupils will continue to learn about the industry, attending placement for one day a week while attending college for a half day.

Work-based competence units will be delivered and assessed in the workplace, and pupils can take on work experience with an employer or an industry challenge project.

For more information, contact: FoundationApprenticeships@nclan.ac.uk

The Apprenticeship Roadmap



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