

Adult Care Worker

① What the role entails

Working with people, feeling passionate about supporting and enabling them to live a more independent and fulfilling life is a rewarding and worthwhile job that provides excellent career opportunities.

To work in care is to make a positive difference to someone's life when they are faced with physical, practical, social, emotional or intellectual challenges. Adult Care Workers need to have the right values and behaviours developing competences and skills to provide high quality compassionate care and support. They are the frontline staff who help adults with care and support needs to achieve their personal goals and live as independently and safely as possible, enabling them to have control and choice in their lives which is at the heart of person centred care.



② On-programme assessment

It is recommended that apprentices are supported through their on-programme learning by their employer and or Independent Training Provider (ITP) in the following elements:

- The 15 standards as set out in the Care Certificate
- Level 2 Diploma in Care
- Ongoing assessment by the employer and ITP
- Completion of the Self-Assessment exercise
- Achieve Level 1 English and maths
- Attempt Level 2 English and maths by sitting the test.



③ Gateway requirements

The decision to take an apprentice through Gateway is made between the employer, ITP and apprentice. The apprentice must have achieved all the required on-programme elements before they enter Gateway, including the following:

- In the last 3 months of the apprenticeship following the completion of the Diploma, collate testimonies from service users.



④ End-Point Assessment

The EPA for Adult Care Worker contains 2 methods of assessment as outlined below:

The Situational Judgement Test (50% weighting)

Apprentices will be presented with a range of real-life scenarios and will have to answer 60 multiple choice questions. The assessment will be undertaken online, under controlled conditions with a time limit applied. Questions will draw from the stated knowledge and skills elements of the standard and focus on the higher order competencies.

Pass 40 correct answers

Merit 50+ correct answers

Distinction 55+ correct answers

Professional Discussion (50% weighting)

Apprentices will undertake a 45 minute discussion lead by an Independent End-Point Assessor (IEPA). Apprentices can only apply to undertake the discussion component once the multiple choice assessment has been achieved. The discussion will draw questions and amplifications from prior learning and experience including, where applicable, the apprentice's self-assessment and supporting evidence including testimony from service users.

Pass

Merit

Distinction

⑤ Grade aggregation table

*The Professional Discussion will carry the grade determining outcome.

		Professional Discussion*		
		Pass	Merit	Distinction
Situational Judgment Test	Pass	Pass	Merit	Merit
	Merit	Pass	Merit	Distinction
	Distinction	Merit	Merit	Distinction

⑥ Completion and certification

Once the IEPA verifies the apprentice has successfully completed all EPAs, CACHE will activate certification. Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, we'll ensure the apprentice receives their certificate.



⑦ What next?

Once the Level 2 Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship is complete, the learning doesn't stop. A suggested pathway is illustrated here:

Level 3 Team Leader/Supervisor

Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker

Level 2 Adult Care Worker

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