

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP



FAQs

Are Foundation Apprenticeships studied at school?

Although Foundation Apprenticeships are largely studied during school hours and may be delivered within a local school, these also include time spent in the college and with a local employer.

How do I get to and from the college?

Transport is paid for and organised by the local authority. You would be picked up from school and brought to college on the days in which you are required to attend. Following completion of the class, transport will return you to your school.

How does a Foundation Apprenticeship fit in with other school subjects?

A Foundation Apprenticeship is chosen as one of your subjects when making your course choices. You would then usually spend Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at college in year one, and a full day on a Tuesday in year two. This does vary depending on which course you choose but this will be outlined in the individual course pages.

Please note: you may also be required to commit time out with school hours to complete units and attend placement, particularly Friday afternoons and some holiday commitment.

Who are Foundation Apprenticeships for?

Foundation Apprenticeships are open to students in their 5th and 6th year at School. Some 4th years may be considered, although this is at the discretion of both the school and the college.

How long does it take to complete a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Foundation Apprenticeships generally take 2 years to complete, specifically across 5th and 6th year. We do offer the programmes on a 1 year basis for students in their 6th year (excluding Social Services: Children & Young People and Engineering).

Where can a Foundation Apprenticeship lead?

Foundation Apprenticeships open doors to a wide range of opportunities, maintaining your options for when you leave school.

Foundation Apprenticeships can lead directly to a Modern Apprenticeship, often with advanced standing as some of the MA units are completed during the FA.

These qualifications are accepted by most Scottish Universities, with some universities suggesting these could strengthen applications for courses in a similar subject. For a list and details of the universities that accept these, visit www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships

Completion of a Foundation Apprenticeship can also help you progress into employment. As part of the Foundation Apprenticeship involves spending time with employers, this provides you with hands on work experience which will enhance your CV.

What subjects can I do a Foundation Apprenticeship in?

Foundation Apprenticeships have been developed in line with the careers and skills areas that will be of high demand in years to come.

At West Lothian College we offer Foundation Apprenticeships in the following subjects:

- Social Services (Children & Young People)
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Scientific Technologies
- IT: Software Development
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Business Skills
- Creative & Digital Media

Why should I study a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- Achieve the Foundation Apprenticeship while still at school – you'll study this alongside your school courses, so you don't need to miss out on your school curriculum
- Gain a qualification recognised by employers and universities – equivalent to Higher level
- Visit local employers throughout the course and gain substantial work experience
- Develop self-confidence, problem solving and leadership skills
- Step into exciting and growing industries that need skilled people
- Fast track entry to a Modern Apprenticeship



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