

A Foundation Apprenticeship

Why you should consider one for S5 and S6 ?



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Introduction

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- Why am I here?
- What do I know?
- How can I help you decide if this is a good idea?

What is a Foundation Apprenticeship ?

- Study over two years starting in fifth year alongside your current National 5s and Highers.
- The difference is, you spend time away from school, at college and with an employer. (on Fridays)
- Level 6 qualification (same as Highers).
- Offers UCAS points if you want to progress to University.
- It's real, relevant and you get practical work experience.

Why you should consider an FA?

What's in it for you (1)

- Hands-on learning in College and in workplace.
- Mixture of practical and academic studies (Level 6).
- Introduces you to the workplace whilst still at school.
- Wide variety of subjects and learning options.
- Work with subject specialists at College and with industry experts.

Why you should consider an FA?

What's in it for you (2)

- Provides you with transferrable skills.
- Offers wider career choices.
- Offers alternative pathways to either work, modern apprenticeships, HNC/D or University.
- Enhances your CV and makes you more employable.

Available at Perth College UHI starting August 2019

Foundation Apprenticeships in :-

- Engineering
- Social Services Children and Young People *
- Civil Engineering
- Business Skills
- Creative and Digital Media
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Social Services and Healthcare (new for August 2019)



* available as a 1 year or 2 year option



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Entry Requirements

Foundation Apprenticeship Course	Entry Requirements (at start of S5)	Other Information
Engineering	Pupils must have, or be working towards, National 5 Mathematics (Lifeskills Mathematics is NOT suitable) and Physics and / or and Engineering subject with a view to undertaking Highers in the associated subjects in S6.	This course is NOT about Automotive e.g. Engines and how to fix them and is mainly academic and not craft skills.
Civil Engineering	Pupils must have, or be working towards, National 5 Mathematics (Lifeskills Mathematics is NOT suitable) , a technological subject and / or Physics.	
Social Services (Children & Young People) and Social Services (Healthcare)	Pupils must have a good range of National 4 qualifications and working towards National 5 English is essential.	Pupils will need to have a PVG check undertaken before being permitted to work with vulnerable groups.
Business Skills	Pupils must have, or be working towards, National 5 English and National 4 Mathematics (Lifeskills Mathematics is acceptable) Pupils must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages.	Pupils could be studying or working towards National 5 Mathematics (Lifeskills Mathematics is acceptable). Pupils should be studying Business Management or Administration.

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Creative and Digital Media	Pupils need to be ready to work at SCQF level 6 (the same level as Higher). They need to have a good level of written and spoken English. Communication and team working in the workplace is a key competence.	
Food and Drink Operations	Pupils must have a good range of National 4 qualifications and working towards National 5 English is essential.	Pupils should have an interest in working in the food and drink industries with the motivation to succeed within the industry. They must have good communication and team working skills.

Typical Engineering FA Framework

NC Engineering Systems Level 6

- Mathematics Technician 1
- Communication
- Engineering: Applying Information Technology
- Engineering Systems
- Single Phase and Three Phase Electrical Systems
- Engineering Project
- Mechanical Engineering Principles
- Electrical Engineering Principles
- Computer Aided Design for Engineers
- Engineering Dynamics an Introduction
- Health and Safety Engineering
- Electrical Testing and Measurement

Performing Engineering Operations 2

- Machining
- Welding
- Electrical Installation



Progression routes

Where can I go / what can I do

- Work.
- Modern Apprenticeship programmes.
- College.
- University.

Some of the Companies involved in helping to deliver the FAs

- Transport Scotland
- CECA
- Agilecadence Ltd
- AVIVA
- SSE
- Perth & Kinross Council
- Branstons
- Meddicks
- Spectraglass
- Balfour Beatty
- Dundee Cold Stores
- W A McGarrie & Son Limited
- Kilmac
- Morrison Construction
- Robertson Construction
- Wilson Construction
- Honeypot Nurseries
- Various Children's Nurseries
- Oceaneering
- Stagecoach
- Heartland FM
- House of Bruar



A9 Dualling Project and Tay Cities Deal

The FA programme students will be involved in major infrastructure programmes.

Organisations such as Transport Scotland and the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) are extremely keen to involve local senior phase students participating in FAs work placement opportunities. Transport Scotland and CECA are involved in large-scale projects including the A9 duelling project, which will deliver 80 miles of dual carriageway from Perth to Inverness. Jo Blewett from Transport Scotland and Grahame Barn from CECA said: “We look forward to working with Perth College UHI to help deliver the next generation of talent that our sector requires. We are keen to utilise, and help develop, the skills of the talented young people on the Foundation Apprenticeship courses.”

Universities

The following Universities accept Foundation Apprenticeships as part of their acceptance criteria



- You should check the University's individual prospectus for specific entry requirements of the course you are interested in.

Some Perth College UHI FA students

Some students' perspectives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyPHZXQBi-Y&feature=youtu.be>



One of our success stories (there's more than one !)

Ross Sinclair

Ross successfully completed his FA in Engineering in 2018 and is currently employed as a Modern Apprentice with Dundee Cold Stores. He won The Perth College UHI Foundation Apprentice of the Year in 2018 and was nominated for Scottish Apprentice of the Year.

"I did not realise the positive impact doing an FA would have on my son's attitude to work and on his independence. It helped smooth the pathway from school to young adulthood. This should be promoted to all parents.
Ross' Mum

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Foundation Apprenticeships providing skills for the future



Perth High School pupil Ross Sinclair, left, is prepared for the work of the future. For the past two years, he has been undertaking a Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering at Perth College UHI. Ross is completing his Foundation Apprenticeship in Engineering at Perth College UHI, gaining the skills and experience that will set him up for a successful career in the future. He is nearing completion of his two-year programme, an award-winning Perth College UHI Foundation Apprenticeship award.

Ross said: "I was keen to do engineering when I left school. I thought that the Foundation Apprenticeship would be a good way to do it."

Now Ross attends college where he covers technical and electrical subjects. "I've enjoyed the experience," he said. "It isn't like school, it's more manageable and you can get a lot of experience as an adult. I really enjoy it."

As well as gaining the skills and knowledge that will help him in the workplace, Ross has also grown as a person too. He said: "The lecturers are the most confident people I've met. I've been placed with Dundee and has been offered a Modern Apprenticeship with the Peter Wilkinson, from Dundee."

"After just the first day of placement, Ross was the only apprentice who wanted and proceeded to do a Modern Apprenticeship. From the basic health and safety skills to applying his engineering foundations, Ross has built up his skills to meet the demands, learning with the lecturers and the employers."

Perth College has been a Foundation Apprenticeship across the region for four years. According to the college's Apprenticeship Co-ordinator, Lorraine, they are a fantastic opportunity for Perth and other young people.

"The employers would benefit too. They can see the person in their workplace, they can trial, see what the placement and if they want to employ that person that they would be taking on."

PUPILS LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR CAREERS

Staff Reporter

Young people from across Perthshire have become some of the first in Scotland to gain a new, industry-led qualification while at school.

Schools in the area have teamed up with learning providers such as colleges to offer senior pupils Foundation Apprenticeships as a subject choice – so they can get out of the classroom and get work-based learning.

The Foundation Apprenticeships offer a head-start on their careers. The apprenticeships are open to pupils in S5 and S6 to choose alongside their other subjects.

They usually take two years to complete and provide a qualification at the same level as a Higher, which is accepted by all of Scotland's universities and colleges.

There are 12 different types of Foundation Apprenticeship, all based on demand for skills from employers and jobs for the future.

School students benefit from work-based apprenticeships

usually a college – and in a workplace. It's a way to gain a foothold in the working world, while getting a worthwhile qualification to help boost your CV credentials.

This means pupils completing Foundation Apprenticeships have got a head-start on moving on to a job, a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship or going to university or college.

Foundation Apprenticeships are developed by Skills Development Scotland with support from the European Social Fund.

Of the pupils who have taken Foundation Apprenticeships, 94 per cent reported improved communication, 90 per cent had gained confidence, 87 per cent reported improved team-working skills and 76 per cent had improved problem solving.

Here, one young person describes



- There are 12 types of FA Apprenticeships, covering skills and improving the learning potential of students:
- Accountancy
 - Business Skills
 - Civil Engineering
 - Creative and Digital Media
 - Engineering
 - Financial Services
 - Food and Drink Technology
 - Hardware and Systems
 - Information Technology
 - Scientific Technology
 - Social Services, Child and Young People
 - Social Services and Health
 - Software Development

Skills Development Scotland



Comments from current stakeholders

“There is more of a focus on gaining skills for your career and the FA opens doors for us though meeting different employers such as SSE, Oceaneering, Balfour Beatty, Edwards Engineering and Spectraglass. This will help us get a job in engineering.”
former FA student

“Many of our pupils speak highly of the blend of Perth College UHI, and school. They greatly value the employer input to the Foundation Apprenticeship programme.”
Blairgowrie High School

“The FA course is more focused on engineering than school would be and brings what you learn in school together.”
current FA student

“Pupils should be encouraged to do an FA as they learn so much, socially, academically and also in terms of work experience .”
FA student’s parent

“I very much enjoyed a trip to the company ‘Outplay Entertainment’ and learned lots!”
current FA student

“It has been a great confidence booster and given my son a fantastic start to his working life. It gave him an insight into further education and what it might be like and into working life. The FA course helped him make decisions around his future”
FA student’s parent

Summary

Come aboard and give it a go?

- Get in there first, it's a new program designed to offer more flexibility.
- Lets you study at School, College and the Workplace.
- Work with experts in your chosen field.
- Come and join us in the first steps to the rest of your life here at Perth College UHI.
- All travelling expenses paid.

How to apply

Speak to your Guidance teacher

- It's one of your S5 course option choices.
- Complete a Schools / College Application form.
- Get your Guidance teacher to complete reference.
- You will be invited to Perth College UHI for an interview.
- Courses are on Fridays starting in August 2019.

Any Questions?

Thanks for listening