

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

Course Mode	Full-time
Location	Milnthorpe Road Campus
Duration	1 Year
Level	1

Course Overview

The supported internship programme has been developed in partnership with DFN Project SEARCH and a host employer the NHS. This is a 5-day internship based at the workplace.

The programme is aimed at young people aged 17-25 with an EHCP who are ready to make the transition from education and aspire to paid employment. Working with a work based Tutor and a Job Coach you will have the opportunity to learn and practice essential skills in a real working environment. You will rotate through three skill-building opportunities at the workplace to broaden your skillset and work in a variety of different settings. The workplace rotations will be matched to follow your career aspirations and interests.

Throughout the programme year, you will work towards a level 1 Certificate in Employability Skills and you will continue to develop your literacy and numeracy skills. Training room activities are designed around: Team Building, Workplace Safety, Technology, Maintaining Employment, Self Advocacy, Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, and Preparing for Employment.

Examples of hospital rotations and skills to be taught:

- Clerical

Filing, data entry, other computer skills, phones, reception, meet and greet, information desk, digital scanning, coding.

- Portering

Records, materials, people, specimens, post, meals to the wards, ensuring that the wheelchairs are accessible on the wards and moving beds.

- Non Clinical Patient Care

Personal support making a good cup of tea.

- Grounds

Mowing, strimming, planting.

- Maintenance

PAT testing, painting, changing lightbulbs, changing filters, fridges - temperature checking, waste management, mending and ensuring the site is safe and secure.

- Retail

Till work, fronting shelves, expiration date check.

- Sterile Services

Surgical kit assembly, sterilising (e.g. Gastro and scoping areas), wrapping jugs and bowls, stocking, picking up and prepping dirty side instruments.

- Pharmacy

Delivery, stocking, reporting, delivering orders to the wards.

- Labs

Centrifuge, glass cleaning and stocking, sterilising, changing chemicals delete.

- Medical Records

Filing, retrieving, purging, pulling documents, record transportation to clinics.

- Stores

Receiving, delivery, stocking, post room.

- Radiology

Digitalising x-rays, eliminating ghost imaging, transporting patients, delivering Xrays.

- Durable Medical Equipment

Equipment sterilisation, pick up and delivery (wheelchairs, incubators, IV pumps, isolettes).

- Catering

Hospitality (fridge stocking), meeting room set up, food handling (meal preparation, External meal delivery) cafe and kitchens work, Costa coffee and RVS shops.

- Domestics

Sanitary dispensers/infection control, floors, emergency room, ground floor windows, corridors and offices and wards.

- Laundry

Bagged and picked up from floors, counted, folded and returned to floors.

- Education

Room set up, AV, CPR doll maintenance.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements but your place must be commissioned by the local authority. You must also be highly motivated and have a desire to secure a job after the programme concludes.

After your course

There is a likelihood that successful completion of the programme could lead to paid employment with the NHS. Nationally 5.1 percent of young people with learning difference gain employment yet 70 percent of those supported by DFN Project SEARCH and Kendal college secure paid roles after graduation.

Fees

The fee displayed is the course fee. Course fees are per year for full-time & degree-level courses, and per course for part-time courses.

There may be other costs associated with this course e.g. kit, equipment, books, trips etc. Financial support may be available to support you with these. See the [Student Money](#) pages for more information.

Courses Fees

The current full-time & degree-level fee information is related to the 2022/23 academic year.

Entry Level, Level 1 & Level 2 Courses

You may qualify for financial support to cover the cost of a government-funded qualification if any of the below apply to you:

- Have an annual salary of less than £18,525
- Receive an eligible means-tested benefit e.g. JSA, ESA or Universal Credit
- Are aged 16-18 on 31/08/22 and are not studying at another school/college
- Are aged 19 or over on 31/08/22 and do not already have a Level 1, 2 or 3 qualification
- Have a household income under £35,000 and are in financial hardship

See the [Student Money](#) pages for more information.