



# SECTOR WORK BASED ACADEMY

## Childcare & School Settings

- Are you age 19+ and currently unemployed?
  - Do you live in Hampshire?
- Are you passionate about making a difference to children's lives and early education?
- Would you like professional help with applying for paid employment or voluntary work in a school or childcare setting such as: lunchtime supervisor, teaching assistant, early years or nursery assistant, after school assistant, youth worker, residential childcare worker, childminder, holiday or out of school playworker, school escort, or special education needs learning support assistant?



### Hampshire Learns Sector Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

If you are currently in receipt of work-related benefits and have a keen interest in working with children or young people, then Hampshire Learns can offer you a three-week employability programme, completely **free of charge**, to help you to apply for a job in the childcare sector. You will find out about the skills, values and attitudes required to work with children and young people, build your confidence for online interviews, and learn how to target your CV and cover letter to this rewarding sector. We will also offer you the opportunity to link with employers and partners, including our Childcare Development Team at Hampshire County Council and the Apprenticeship Hubs.



**There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in working in a school, childcare setting, or registering as a childminder is essential.**

**Venue:** This free course will be delivered online via **Microsoft Teams**

No special software or applications will be required; you will just need a suitable device to join the online sessions and an enthusiasm to learn.

### **Duration:**

This programme will take you **three weeks** to complete and will include:

- *Seven (three-hour) tutor-led, online group sessions. The sessions will take place during term time during normal school hours*
- *Employability tasks for you to carry out at home, in your own time*
- *A chance to meet employers and the opportunity to carry out a practice interview*
- *Access to a personal tutor with sector-based experience for support and guidance throughout the programme*
- *We will follow-up with a phone call eight weeks after your programme to see how you are getting on.*



### **Attendance:**

Full attendance at group sessions will be required to succeed at the sector-work based academy and to guarantee an interview and certification at the end of the programme.

### **Cost:**

This course is fully funded for eligible people aged 19+ who are currently in receipt of work-related benefits. **For more information and/or check your eligibility email please email us at: [skills.participation@hants.gov.uk](mailto:skills.participation@hants.gov.uk)**

We reserve the right to cancel a course should the numbers fail to reach the minimum required to make the course viable. You will be notified of the cancellations and an alternative date offered.

### **Outcome:**

You will be provided with information, support and guidance to enable you to move into employment, volunteering, or further learning opportunities. You will also have priority booking on any further Hampshire Learns programmes, including paediatric first aid, food safety, English and maths.

**To book a place on this course, please complete our online application form:**

[Hampshire Learns Adult Community Learning Application Form](#)