

County Durham Care Academy - Skill for Care Student's View

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Student 1

I actually was looking for something to boost my career in care when I decided to get into care. I was very focused on building my knowledge first to get like a foundation, and that's why I went for this course. I was so excited about it and I'm so grateful. Basically, we've done some units in the care certificate, so we've done the standard, 'understanding your role', 'duty of care' and we've just been doing safeguarding. I have learned so much. We even had the opportunity to do a shift in one of the care homes, and that's when I knew that this is something I could do. Our tutor is able to meet us one on one to ask about our progress, you know, what do we find difficult or what have we enjoyed so far? So, I really enjoyed the hands-on experience, it really gave us like a look into what it actually feels like, what it was like. And yeah, it's something I would like to continue and go on with.

Student 2

This programme helped me a lot because you had the opportunity to tell them the skills that you have. They had the opportunity to know you and then guide you through the right process. I didn't know how the care system works. Basically, there is a care certificate that you need to get. Also, there is some skills that you need to know.

Student 3

I didn't have any qualifications, I wanted to go into care. I went to the Care Academy, and they gave me the actual tools to be able to do the job. I've come through all the various diplomas that developed me with within the role to progress and then to get an award. Carer of the Year award, this is what you can achieve within care.

Tutor 1

So, the Skills for Careers program is open to everybody that really wants to get into care. What we try and do is make sure that the course is accessible to all, so we do that by differentiation. So, for example, you know, if they learn better by practical hands-on, then we'll do more practical activities, we'll get guest speakers in and client contact. You know, if they need to use Google Translate, we'll use that. If we need some classroom support, we can put in for that. So, what I try and do is find something for everybody. We look at the learner very holistically. We look at their whole circumstances, what they want to do and see if we can match something that suits them.

Care Academy Spokesperson

You don't need any qualifications so long as you've got a basic level of English and Maths. From an experience point of view, again, you don't necessarily have to have had any experience.

Student 1

I would encourage anyone interested in care to try the program because you would be welcomed here for sure. You would feel comfortable. You know, the knowledge that you want to acquire is right here. Everything you need to get the foundation for a career in care, you'll find it here. And when I'm applying for jobs now, I think I'm not holding back anymore.

Student 2

So, I will say that I 100% recommend this course. It helped me a lot to develop my skills.

Tutor 1

It's really easy to apply. All you have to do is go through the website and fill in a form on the website and you'll get sent an enrolment form. You'll get a call from the engagement team. I'll be in contact prior to the start, just to let people know what to expect, and what to bring on the first day. You know, what it's going to be like. People can come and get support if they have problems online filling in a form. They can come and fill in a paper version. We're there to support with that. So, we do make it accessible to everybody.

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