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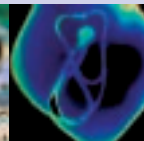
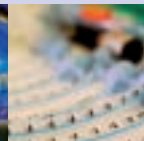
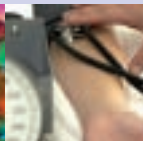
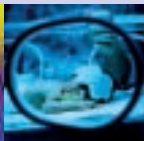
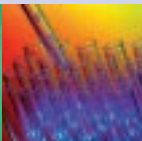
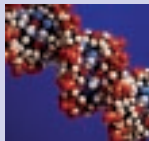
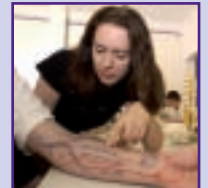
Higher Education Courses in the South West



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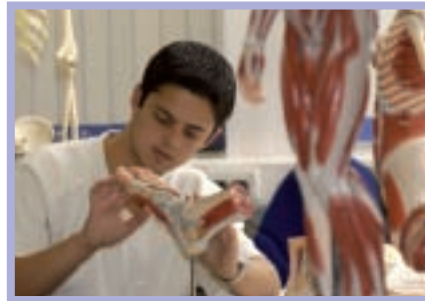
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Studying Health and Social Care in the South West

Within the Devon, Cornwall and West Somerset area, there are many institutions which offer Higher Education (HE) courses in Health and Social Care related subjects. You can study for a Diploma in Higher Education, a Foundation Degree, or a full Honours Degree, to name but a few, and it could all be available closer than you think!

Whatever your interests within health and social care, if you don't want to, you no longer need to leave the area to get the qualifications you want.



What courses can I study?

Degrees (BA, BSc etc)

These are usually full-time for health-related areas, and usually take three years. In some cases the first year or two years can be taken at a local college, and the final year at a University institution, or occasionally, all three years can be taken at the local college.

Foundation Degrees (FdA, FdSc etc)

These are a new job-related qualification usually taking two years full-time or three years part-time. Colleges throughout the region are busy establishing courses to meet the needs of local employers, including the NHS. They are usually offered at local Further Education (FE) colleges.

Diplomas of Higher Education (DipHE)

These are offered at both Universities and FE colleges, and can take two or three years full-time, depending on the course. A DipHE in Nursing, for example, means you enter the NHS as a qualified nurse.

Higher National Diplomas or Certificates (HND and HNC)

These are well-established vocational qualifications pitched at a similar level to the new Foundation Degrees. They are available both full-time and part-time. Part-time HNCs usually take two years with a third year for an HND.

Money Matters

Your course might be free, and you may also get paid to study!

On full-time Degree courses which lead to a qualification as a health professional (eg. Nursing, Podiatry and Radiography) you will have your tuition fees paid in full by the Department of Health. (See course listings to see which courses are eligible). Additionally, you will be able to apply for a means-tested bursary, of up to £2,309 a year.

You are also entitled to a partial student loan, plus additional allowances.

If you take a DipHE course, your tuition fees are also paid for you by the Department of Health, and you are entitled to apply for a non-means-tested bursary of around £5,500 a year (mature students and those with dependents might get more than this).

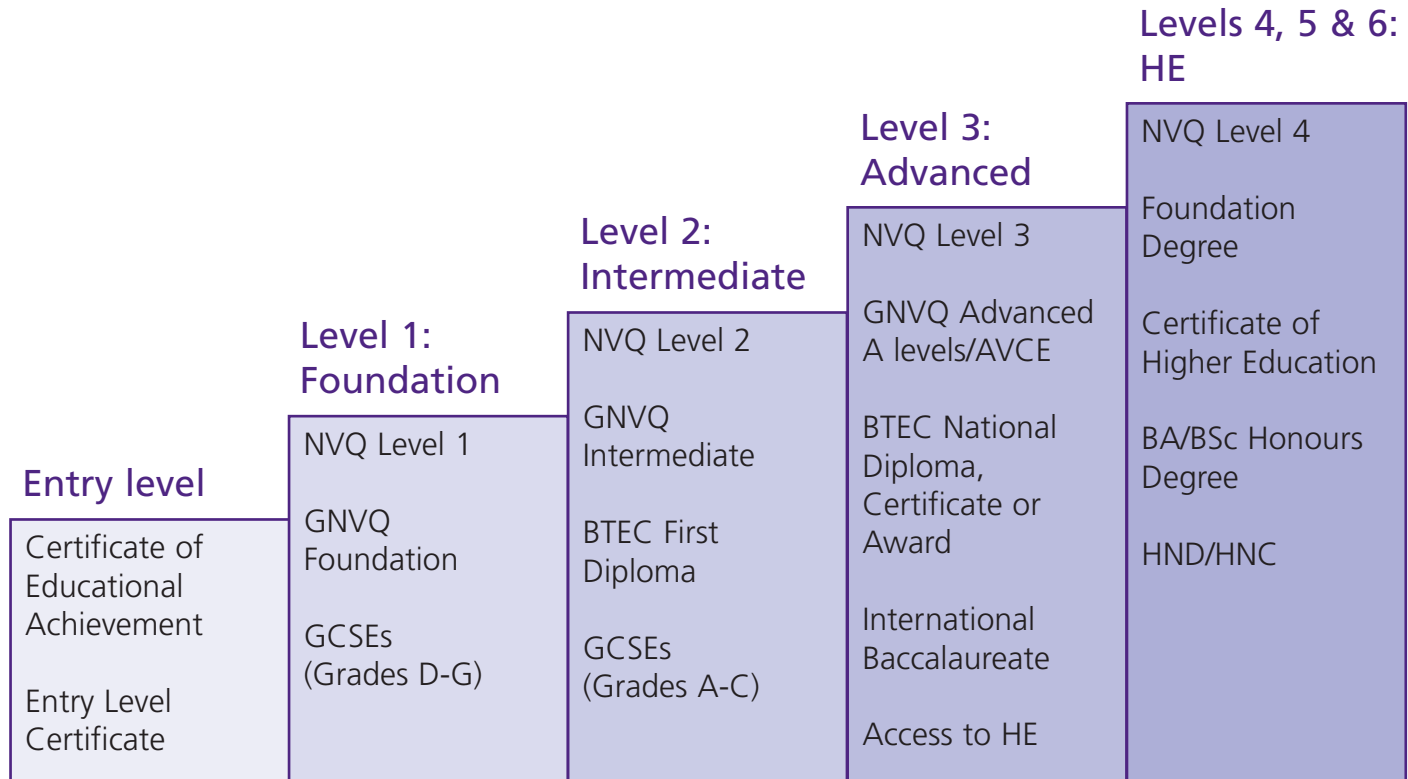
For those courses where you don't get your fees paid, or a bursary, you only have to start repaying your tuition fees and student loans when you finish the course and are earning above a minimum salary*. Plus, of course, you'll be saving on accommodation and travel costs by staying in the area.

See: www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk for more information on all of the bursaries
www.slc.co.uk for more on student loans

*Currently the minimum salary is £15,000 a year.



What do the levels mean?

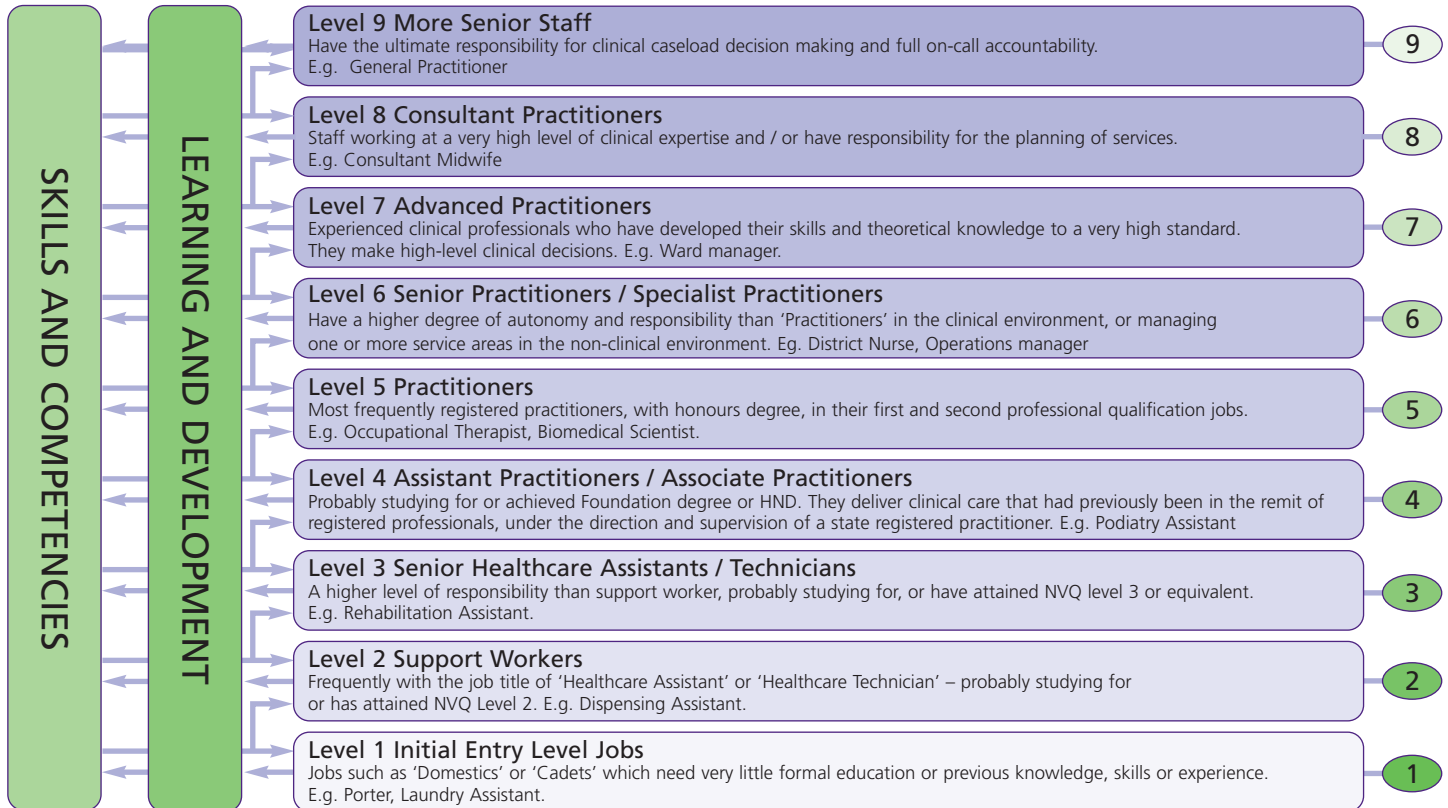


How will a qualification help my career?

With better qualifications, you can enter the NHS at a higher level, and then work your way up the career framework (and the salary scale!)

With a Level 2 qualification, such as GCSEs or an NVQ 2, for example, you would probably enter the NHS at Band 2, as a Support Worker.

With a Level in one of the health professions, you would enter at Band 5, as a Practitioner.



Where can I study?

Cornwall College, Camborne
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enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk
www.camborne.ac.uk

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01271 345291
postbox@ndevon.ac.uk
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The College of St Mark & St John,
Plymouth
01752 636890
admissions@marjon.ac.uk
www.marjon.ac.uk

Cornwall College, Saltash
01752 850222
information@saltash.ac.uk
www.saltash.ac.uk

Peninsula Medical School;
Exeter and Plymouth
01752 437444
pmsenq@pms.ac.uk
www.pms.ac.uk

Truro College
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Cornwall College, St Austell
01726 226626
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01752 305300
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University of Exeter
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admissions@exeter.ac.uk
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Exeter College
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www.exe-coll.ac.uk

Somerset College of Arts
and Technology (SCAT), Taunton
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enquiries@somerset.ac.uk
www.somerset.ac.uk

University of Plymouth
01752 233842
hsw@plymouth.ac.uk
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East Devon College, Tiverton
01884 235264
admissions@admin.eastdevon.ac.uk
www.eastdevon.ac.uk







South Devon College, Paignton
01803 406213
enquiries@southdevon.ac.uk
www.southdevon.ac.uk

Courses

Degrees

Key

-  Tuition fees paid
-  Means-tested Bursary
-  Non-means-tested Bursary

Course Title	Entry Requirements	Institution
BSc Dietetics  	280 points at A level, with at least 180 points from Biology and Chemistry OR Access to HE or BTEC with Level 3 biology and chemistry components	University of Plymouth
BSc Midwifery  	200-240 UCAS points, science/health subjects preferred OR Access to HE or BTEC in a relevant subject OR NVQ Level 3 in a health or care related subject, along with an A level in Biology, Psychology or Sociology, preferably at a Grade C or above.	University of Plymouth
Nursing: BSc Adult Nursing BSc Mental Health BSc Child Health  	200 UCAS points science/health subjects preferred OR Access to HE or BTEC in a relevant subject OR NVQ Level 3 in a health or care related subject, along with an A level in Biology, Psychology or Sociology, preferably at a Grade C or above.	University of Plymouth

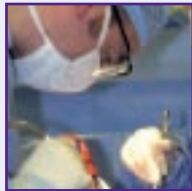
Please note: All health degree courses also require 5 GCSEs (A-C) including Maths and English and often Science. These are correct at the time of going to press, but check with Admissions in each institution to be certain. Health courses are also subject to Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks and occupational health assessments.

Degrees (continued)

<p>BSc Occupational Therapy</p> <p>✓ ◆</p>	<p>180 UCAS points, science/social science subjects preferred OR Access to HE or BTEC in a relevant subject OR NVQ Level 3 in a health or care related subject, PLUS an A level in a Science subject at a Grade C or above OR NVQ 4 in a related subject.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth</p>
<p>BSc Podiatry</p> <p>✓ ◆</p>	<p>180 UCAS points, biology/health subjects preferred OR Access to HE or BTEC in a relevant subject OR NVQ Level 3 in a health or care related subject, PLUS an A level in Biology at Grade C or above OR NVQ 4 in a related subject.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth</p>
<p>BSc Physiotherapy</p> <p>✓ ◆</p>	<p>300 UCAS points, with a minimum of 100 points from A level Biology OR other courses e.g Access to HE with Level 3 Biology units OR NVQ Level 3 in a health or care related subject, PLUS an A level in Biology at Grade B or above. All applicants must also have relevant work experience.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth</p>
<p>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS)</p> <p>◆</p>	<p>370 UCAS points from 4 A/AS subjects, with 320 points from 3 full A levels, including at least 1 science at grade A. All levels must be A–C. Applicants must also have 7 GCSE passes, grades A–C including English Language and Mathematics. Graduates and mature entrants must take the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT). School leavers must also take the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)</p>	<p>Peninsula Medical School</p>
<p>BSc Medical Imaging (Diagnostic Radiography)</p> <p>✓ ◆</p>	<p>260 UCAS points over 3 A levels, or 220 over 2 A levels, one A level must be a science OR Access to Science HE OR NVQ 3 in a relevant subject All applicants must also have minimum of one week work experience.</p>	<p>University of Exeter</p>

Degrees (continued)

<p>BSc Speech and Language Therapy ✓ ◆</p>	<p>GCSEs must include English, Maths, a foreign language and science PLUS 3 A levels at BBC OR Other Level 3 qualifications such as Access to HE, BTEC or NVQ 3 in relevant subjects. Voluntary experience advised.</p>	<p>College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth</p>
<p>BSc Social Work ✓ ◆ ▲</p>	<p>200 UCAS points OR Access to HE or BTEC with credits at Level 3 in social science OR NVQ Level 3 in a care-related subject, plus an A level, preferably in psychology or sociology, at Grade C or above.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth and Cornwall College, Camborne</p>
<p>BSc Health and Social Care Management</p>	<p>200 UCAS points OR Access to HE/BTEC considered OR NVQ 3 in a Care-related subject, plus an A level, preferably in sociology or psychology, at grade D or above.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth</p>
<p>Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) ◆ (years 2, 3 & 4)</p>	<p>A good honours degree in a biomedically related or health care professional subject. Health care professionals without a degree must provide evidence of past HE experience. All applicants must take the Graduate School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).</p>	



Diplomas of Higher Education

<p>Nursing: DipHE Adult DipHE Mental Health DipHE Learning Disabilities</p> <p>✓ ▲</p>	<p>5 GCSEs (A-C) including English and Science. Maths is also desirable OR Access to HE, BTEC, NNDip, NNEB, NVQ 3 in a related subject OR NVQ 2 in a related subject, plus GCSE English (A-C)</p>	<p>University of Plymouth (Adult and Mental Health offered at Plymouth, Exeter and Truro sites and SCAT)</p>
<p>DipHE Operating Department Practice</p> <p>✓ ▲</p>	<p>160 UCAS points or equivalent. Mature applicants considered on an individual basis.</p>	<p>University of Plymouth</p>



Foundation Degrees

<p>FdA Health and Social Care Studies; FdA Health and Social Care with Counselling Skills; FdA Health and Social Care with Learning Difficulties Studies</p>	<p>BTEC National Diploma in a relevant subject OR 2 A levels at grade D or above OR GNVQ Advanced/AVCE OR NVQ 3 Care OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered</p>	<p>SCAT, Taunton</p>
<p>FdA Health and Community Studies</p>	<p>80 UCAS points OR NVQ 3 OR BTEC National Diploma. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.</p>	<p>Cornwall College, Camborne</p>
<p>FdA Health and Social Care Studies</p>	<p>80 UCAS points OR NVQ 3 in related subject OR BTEC National Diploma. Experienced practitioners with non-standard qualifications encouraged. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.</p>	<p>Exeter College</p>
<p>FdA Early years</p>	<p>NVQ 3 Child Care and Education OR Access to HE OR BTEC National Certificate or Diploma in Early Years OR CACHE Diploma in Child Care OR 2 A levels at Grade D or above. Experienced practitioners with non-standard qualifications considered.</p>	<p>PCFE, Plymouth</p>
<p>FdA Social Care/ Social Care (Early Years)</p>	<p>BTEC National Certificate or Diploma in a related subject OR NVQ 3 in Care or related subject OR 2 A levels. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.</p>	<p>Cornwall College Saltash</p>

Foundation Degrees

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FdA Early Years	80 UCAS points OR NVQ 3 in related subject OR BTEC National Diploma. Experienced practitioners with non-standard qualifications encouraged. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Exeter College
FdA Early Years	80 UCAS points OR BTEC National Diploma OR NVQ 3.	Cornwall College, Saltash
FdA Early Childhood Studies	80–100 UCAS points OR BTEC Merit OR AVCE Grade C OR NVQ Level 3 OR Access to HE.	North Devon College
FdA Early years Care and Education	Five GCSEs (A-C) including Maths and English Language PLUS 60 UCAS points OR AVCE Double Award OR CACHE / DCE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	South Devon College
FdA Early Childhood Education	Four GCSEs (A-C) including Maths, English and science, PLUS 60 UCAS points OR BTEC National Diploma/Certificate OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Truro College
FdA Playwork	2 GCE A Levels OR BTEC National Diploma/Certificate OR GNVQ Advanced OR NVQ Level 3 Playwork OR Access to HE or equivalent. Other qualifications also considered.	Cornwall College, St Austell
FdSc Complementary Health Studies	At least 4 GCSEs (A-C) including maths, English and a science PLUS NVQ 3 OR AVCE Double award	PCFE, Plymouth

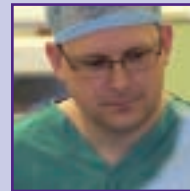
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FdSc Complementary Body Therapies	Four GCSEs (A-C) including English, Maths and a Science PLUS 60 UCAS points OR Access to HE considered. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Truro College
FdSc Complementary Health Therapies	80 UCAS points OR National Diploma at Merit or above OR NVQ 3 in Therapies OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Cornwall College, Camborne
FdSc Sports Therapy	80 UCAS points OR one A level OR AVCE/GNVQ/BTEC National Diploma in a relevant subject OR NVQ 3 OR Equivalent qualifications or relevant work experience.	PCFE, Plymouth
FdSc Exercise and Fitness (GP referral Programme)	120 UCAS Points – At least one A2 5 GCSE – Including Maths and English National Certificate OR AVCE 12 unit Double Award OR NVQ Level 3 or equivalent	South Devon College
FdSc Human Biosciences	80 UCAS Points OR AVCE Advanced OR GNVQ or Access to HE. Those with relevant industrial experience also considered.	North Devon College
FdSc Public Health	GCSE English and Maths (A-C) PLUS 60 UCAS points OR Access To HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Truro College
FdA Counselling Studies	Four GCSEs (A-C) including English, Maths and a Science PLUS 60 UCAS points OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Truro College
FdA Supporting People with Additional Needs	BTEC National Diploma in a relevant subject OR 2 A levels at grade D or above OR GNVQ Advanced/AVCE OR NVQ 3 Care OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	SCAT, Taunton

Foundation Degrees (continued)

FdSc Sports Coaching and Therapy	60 tariff points to include a minimum equivalency of one A Level Access to Higher Education: Considered on an individual basis. Applications from mature students without these qualifications will be considered on an individual basis	Truro College
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HNC Health and Community Studies	Must be at least 18 years old. GNVQ Advanced or A levels OR NVQ 3 in a relevant subject. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Cornwall Business School
HNC Complementary Health Therapies	80 UCAS points OR BTEC National Diploma OR NVQ 3 Therapies OR Access to HE. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Cornwall Business School
HNC Complementary Therapies	60 UCAS points OR Access to HE considered. Mature students without formal qualifications also considered.	Truro College

New courses including Dental Nursing and Paramedicine (Emergency Care) will be coming soon to the University of Plymouth's Faculty of Health and Social Work.

For further information on these courses go to: www.plymouth.ac.uk/hsw

Case Studies

Vicky is a 23 year old student nurse, taking her DipHE in Adult Nursing at SCAT.

Although she left school with 9 GCSEs, she chose not to continue her studies, and did a variety of jobs including nannying and working with people with learning disabilities. While working at Musgrove Hospital, she took her NVQ Level 2 to become a Health Care Assistant. This, along with her GCSEs was enough to get her onto the Diploma course.

She says, "I was a bit worried about making the transition from working to studying again, but my NVQ really helped her, as it was all relevant to her course." As her Diploma is 50% theory and 50% placement, she feels it is preparing her well for working as a nurse.



Roger is 28, and has just finished the second year of a part-time Foundation Degree in Health and Community Studies at Cornwall College, Camborne.

Roger left school with GCSEs, but didn't complete his further education. He spent seven years as a professional speedway rider, travelling all around the country, but as this is limited in terms of age range, he wanted a longer term career.

Roger is currently volunteering at St Austell's Share project, working with 13-25 year olds, where he has been assessed for the work based learning module of his course.

He says: "I'm a carer for my autistic step son, and a do voluntary work 2 days a week, and I wanted to do a course which fitted in with that. The Foundation Degree is one day a week for three years, which fits into everything else I do really well. I'm planning to do the top-up to a Social Sciences degree when I'm finished, which will be another 2 years part-time, and then hopefully the Masters degree after that and then go into youth work."



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