

South Staffordshire College



SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

Supported internships are aimed at young people aged 16-24 with an education, health & care plan (EHCP). Over a 10-12 month period, you will develop your employability skills within the workplace. With the support of your on-site college job coach you will work on-site for up to 30 hours to gain valuable and transferable employment skills at the employers' premise. In addition to this you will be required to attend college one day a week and study towards your English and maths qualifications.

Benefits of doing a supported internship



Additional Qualifications
(Workplace Dependent)



Potential Job
Opportunities



Gain Valuable
Transferable Skills



Enhance Your
CV



Gain Teamwork &
Communication Skills



Gain Employment
Experience

How will you be supported?

Prior to undertaking a supported internship, it is preferred you have completed the Routes to Independence (RIE) course. This course focuses on independence skills such as time and money management, organisation and travel training, all of which will support you to successfully complete your internship.

While you are taking part in your supported internship you will have access to all of the services available to you at college as well as support via emails and over the telephone. In addition to this you will have an on-site college job coach who will be on hand to support you with daily activities within your job role for as long as you need their support.

It is preferable that the young person looking to start a supported internship can complete journeys independently by the start of the programme. However, travel support can be applied for with 'Access To Work' (ATW) but this is not guaranteed to be approved. It would also need to be the young person/parent that made the application and completed the required requests. We as a college can support you with this, but once the application has been made the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) would liaise with you. We can discuss this in more detail if required.

Will this impact my home finances?

When doing a supported internship you may be able to apply for an access to work grant. Eligibility for this may depend on other benefits you already receive. If you currently receive universal credit, jobseeker's allowance or income support, you can still get help from access to work if you work more than one hour a week.

If you currently receive employment and support allowance you can only get help from Access To Work if you're doing permitted work. It's permitted work if all of the following apply; you earn up to £131.50 a week, you work less than 16 hours a week or it's been agreed with your work coach. We can discuss this in more detail if required.

To be eligible to apply for a supported internship you must be:

- Living in England, Scotland or Wales
- Aged 16 – 24 years old
- Registered with a disability
- Keen to gain future employment
- Able to travel independently or travel supported



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