

Active Leisure and Learning

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and gain experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

Overview

This Apprenticeship contains pathways that cover many aspects of sport and leisure, from professional sport/exercise instruction to play work. Currently there are 576,000 people within the UK in paid employment within this sector, England counts for 83% of this total. This sector has 230,708 organisations throughout the UK in public, private and voluntary organisations, and over the next 10 years it is predicted that the sector will grow faster than the economy as a whole. It is forecast that by 2014, employment levels in England will have increased by 100,000 an increase of 21%.

Starting salary (once qualified) range from £12,000 - £14,000 (Level 2) £15,000 - £18,000 (Level 3).

Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

- Fitness Instructor
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Leisure Centre Manager
- Event Steward
- Coach
- Sports Development Officer
- Play Worker

Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- Competence based element
- Technical element
- Skills element

The range of level 2 NVQs available in the framework cover career pathways in:

- Coaching
- Fitness instructing
- Leisure centre operations
- Playwork
- Spectator control
- Activity leadership

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job, these are broken down as follows:

Competence Element

Apprenticeship - NVQ level 2 in chosen route

Advanced - NVQ level 3 in chosen route

Technical Element

Certificate in Leisure Industry/ Organisational Awareness

Plus;

Certificate in Gym Instructing/Fitness Instructing/Coaching etc (dependant on pathway chosen)

Skills Element

Apprenticeship - Key or Functional Skills in Communication Level 1 + Application of Number Level 1

Advanced - Key or Functional Skills in Communication Level 2 +Application of Number Level 2

Other Additional Study

Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship Level 2 - on completion this is equivalent to 5 A* - C grade GCSE's
- Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3 - on completion this is equivalent to 2 A-levels

Progression Routes

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Other qualifications within the Leisure Industry

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