

PREPARATION FOR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Subject Area

Student Type
Study Mode

Skills for
Independence, Life &
Work

Students aged 16-18
Full Time

What is the course about?

The Preparation for Supported Employment is a programme of study that is specifically designed to help 17 – 25-year-olds with an Education, Health and Care Plan to gain the skills and experience they need to succeed in the world of work. This course combines learning about employability, building English & maths skills and exciting work experience opportunities both inside and outside the college. If you are a student with a real ambition to progress into paid employment in the future, then this could be the perfect course for you.

Why should I choose the course?

Preparation for Supported Employment is for you if you have a learning disability or learning difficulty but have a real willingness to experience and learn more about work but perhaps are not quite ready for working directly with an external employer. Everything about the course is specially adapted to maximise your skills and abilities so that you can engage in the workplace and grow in confidence.

What will I learn?

Preparation for Supported Employment is the perfect stepping stone to a supported internship, as it combines work experience where you can explore different career options, as well as time in the classroom to gain skills in maths, English, and employability.

You will learn about the world of work including researching different careers, how to behave in the workplace, practical skills, communication skills, customer service and how to present yourself. You will gain confidence in your communication, independence and practical skills, as well as working on your independent living and travel skills. Some of our Preparation for Employment students will work in our new Orford Community Cafe and some will be placed either internally within the college or with an external employer. To complement your placements, you will have the opportunity to participate in a range of work-related such as guest speakers, workplace visits, social enterprise, job readiness and community group projects.

The overall aim is to increase your confidence, introduce you to different job roles, and equip you with the skills you need to progress onto the Supported Internship programme.

What will the course lead on to?

After the Pre-internship course has finished, it is hoped that you will progress on to the Supported Internship course where you will work with an external employer for up to four days per week and attend college just one day per week to maintain your maths, English and employability skills or join our exciting new project at Warrington Hospital to be a part of DFN Project Search Internship Programme.



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Are there any links with industry and university?

We have links to many employers across Warrington and previous students have completed placements at Amazon, Warrington Borough Council, IKEA, Nando's, Ryfield Retirement Village, Warrington Wolves, The Engine Rooms and Warrington Market to name but a few. We are continually expanding our employer links but do encourage you to bring along your own ideas and contacts.

What support is available?

You will be allocated a Progress Coach in addition we can offer the following if applicable;

- 1:1 in class support
- Lunchtime and breaktime supervision
- Meet & greet on entering and leaving the college
- Mobility support
- Exam access arrangements
- Orientation Modification of learning materials
- Specialist resources

We also have a welfare team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help you during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Warrington & Vale Royal College was the first provider in Warrington to offer Preparation for Supported Employment and Supported Internships. This means the college has many years of experience with supporting students and helping them secure successful outcomes. Previous students have progressed on to paid employment, voluntary positions, and further courses after their supported internship, equipped with the confidence, skills, and knowledge to succeed in the employment market.

We have an experienced and dedicated job coach who will be there to support you every step of the way. We have excellent student satisfaction, with 100% of learners saying they are happy with the course and would recommend it to a friend.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need to have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to progress on to the Supported Internship programme once the Preparation course is completed and be willing to experience the world of work.

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?



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If there are any costs attached to trips and visits or any PPE required you will be given notice and all costs are kept to a minimum to ensure all learners can participate. Help is available if learners are in receipt of a bursary.

Café uniform consists of black trousers/leggings/jeans, plain black t-shirt and flat, comfortable black shoes or black trainers.



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