



Welcome to Supported Internship

Welcome to the DFN Project SEARCH Supported Internship Programme. This is a unique opportunity for you to develop the skills, experience, and confidence needed to move towards your chosen path, whether that is employment, volunteering, apprenticeship or university. The programme is delivered in partnership with your college, a host employer, Westmorland and Furness Council, and Right2Work. Together, we are committed to helping you take your next step towards independence and a meaningful career.

Introduction

During the programme, you will work towards completing the DFN Project SEARCH employability curriculum and NHS mandatory training. You will also take part in a series of job placements, known as rotations, throughout the academic year. These placements provide real, hands-on experience in a variety of work sectors, allowing you to develop key transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, time management, and problem-solving.

In addition to preparing you for employment, the Supported Internship will also support your wider transition into adulthood. You will grow in confidence and independence, improve your social and self-advocacy skills, and gain a clearer understanding of your goals and potential. This is an exceptional opportunity to build the foundation for your adult life and long-term success.

Summer preparation

Before starting in September, you will be encouraged to consider areas of work that interest or inspire you. You will be invited to attend an assessment day where you will meet your tutor, job coach, and other interns on the programme. As part of your enrolment, you will also be invited to college to complete a DBS application with support from your tutor and the college's HR team. You may also have the opportunity to visit the host business to familiarise yourself with the workplace environment.



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What you'll need for your course

To make the most of your internship, it is important to bring a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Good punctuality and attendance are essential, along with showing respect for others in the workplace. Being open to trying new things and stepping outside of your comfort zone will also help you get the most out of the experience. You will be supported in developing these skills throughout the year.

You will have access to a laptop for any coursework or online training, although you may bring your own device if you prefer. Financial support may be available through the college to help with the cost of attending. For more information or advice, please contact the Student Services team on **01539 814700** or visit the student money section on the college website.

Enrichment activities

During Supported Internship you will be offered a variety of enrichment activities to support your personal and social development. These may include team-building outings, guest speakers, employer visits, and social skills workshops. You may also attend job fairs, take part in volunteering or fundraising projects, and join celebration events at the end of each rotation and at the conclusion of the programme.

These experiences are designed to enhance your confidence, develop life skills, and prepare you for a successful future beyond the internship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Supported Internship

If you are unsure of anything, this information will be further explained at Enrolment Day and during your induction.