

SOCIAL WORKER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP 2026-2027, LEVEL 5

Week	w/c Monday	Semester Delivery	Bank Holiday Dates
5	31-Aug-26		31.08.2025
6	07-Sep-26		
7	14-Sep-26		
8	21-Sep-26		
9	28-Sept-26	Semester 1 2 days a week (Wednesday/Thursday) 'Off the Job' (university based) learning studying modules: Contemporary Challenges; Social Work with Children and Young People; and Social Work with Adults. 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) 'On the Job' (work based) learning/annual leave.	
10	05-Oct-26		
11	12-Oct-26		
12	19-Oct-26		
13	26-Oct-26		
14	02-Nov-26		
15	09-Nov-26		
16	16-Nov-26		
17	23-Nov-26		
18	30-Nov-26		
19	07-Dec-26		
20	14-Dec-26		
21	21-Dec-26	2 days 'off the job' independent study this week	25.12.2026 28.12.2026 01.01.2027
22	28-Dec-26	Break from University	
23	04-Jan-27	'On the job' learning (back at work)	
24	11-Jan-27	Assessment Period 2 days 'off the job' independent study per week for assessment tasks.	
25	18-Jan-27		
26	25-Jan-27	Semester 2 2 days 'off the job' (university based) learning on Monday and Tuesdays for 5 weeks studying 'practice placement 1'	
27	01Feb-27		
28	08-Feb-27		
29	15-Feb-27		
30	22-Feb-27		
31	01-Mar-27	Practice placement 1 commences on the 1st March 2027 for 70 days (5 days per week, including one study day per fortnight). Apprentices can take up to 5 days annual leave during placement	
32	08-Mar-27		
33	15-Mar-27		
34	22-Mar-27		26.03.2027
35	29-Mar-27		29.03.2027
36	05-Apr-27		
37	12-Apr-27		
38	19-Apr-27		
39	26-Apr-27		
40	03-May-27		03.05.2027
41	10-May-27		
42	17-May-27		
43	24-May-27		
44	31-May-27		31.05.2027
45	07-Jun-27	End date of placement is approximate depending on progress in placement and any sickness/missed days, and annual leave. The final day will be around 11th June 2027.	
46	14-Jun-27	'On the Job' learning (back to work full time) or	
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onwards	July 2027	annual leave AND July 2027 August 2027 Summer programme:	
	August 2027	There will be online learning events of 1 working day (7.5 hours) per month in July and August 2027. If apprentices are unavailable for 'live' online sessions, then materials and recordings will be available to 'catch up' as soon as reasonably possible. Summer programme activities to be recorded on activity logs, and completed in usual working hours.	
		September 2027: level 6 commences	

Additional information:

- There is one additional study day for apprentices, agreed by all employers, which can be be used within Semester 1, in agreement with your line manager. Apprentices utilise this day to support them with completion of academic assignments.
- There will be an 'Inter-Professional Learning' (IPL) day in Semester two, alongside other apprentices and students from different disciplines within the School of Health. The IPL day will count towards your placement days. This will be either 25th **OR** 26th Feb 2027 online.