What is the application process?

• Local Connexions offices and www.apprenticeship.org.uk will have details of when posts will be advertised.

• Once advertised, you should apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk

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How can I find out more?

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You do not need to pay to attend University for Nurse training and you will be able to apply for a small bursary.

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This information can be made available in another format or language on request. For further copies of this leaflet please contact on telephone numbers above.
What is it?
• The scheme is aimed at 16-18 years olds who aspire to a career in Nursing.
• It is an 18 month programme and is designed to equip cadets academically and clinically for a future career in Nursing.
• You will be employed by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust (STFT) as an Advanced Modern Apprentice, and will therefore work under the same terms and conditions as all other employees of the trust.
• You will study at level 3 for a BTEC Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support and a BTEC National Diploma in Health Studies.
• Two days each week will be spent in education and three days in clinical practice. There will also be some blocked education weeks, built into the programme.
• You will be placed with a Community Nursing Team for 18 months with around 6 months of this time being spent in a variety of work placements. All placements are designed to enable the Cadet to learn by working alongside professionals in a supportive and supervised environment.

Where might I be working?
• South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust (STFT) provide a range of community and acute services. Cadets will work predominantly alongside community nursing teams across Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland as well as spending some time in specialist services e.g. St Benedict’s Hospice, Minor Injuries and Dermatology.

What hours will I work?
• You will be employed on a full time basis (37.5 hours per week), working Monday to Friday.

What about holidays?
• All holidays, including Bank Holidays are built into the 18 month programme.

What else?
• You will be employed on an apprenticeship contract by STFT and will therefore receive the same entitlements as other staff. However, as this is a structured training programme, any excess of sick time may result in you not achieving the necessary qualifications to enable progression to Nurse training.
• You will receive a training allowance of approximately £90 per week during the 18 month cadet programme.
• The programme is completed at the end of 18 months and all cadets must then leave STFT.

Who can apply?
• You must have 5 GCSEs at grade C and above, which includes Maths, English and a Science.
• You should be highly motivated, with excellent communication skills, possess a desire to learn about nursing theory and practice.
• Placements will be at sites across Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland, so you should be committed to travelling independently to a variety of venues.

Can I go on to do nurse training?
• During your cadet nurse programme, you will be supported to apply for the Nursing Studies/Registered Nurse BSc (Hons) at the Northumbria University (NU). If successful at interview, you will be offered a conditional place i.e you must then complete your cadet nurse training and achieve a Distinction and 2 Merits to progress to University.
• On successful completion at NU of your degree and providing you have consistently performed both academically and clinically, you will be offered an interview to return to STFT on the Rotational Staff Nurse programme.