

# Ivybridge Community College

## Career of the Week



### Spring Term

**Job Title:** Care Support Worker

**Salary:** £19,000 - £25,000 (experienced)

**Working Hours:** 35 - 45 hours per week. You may work evenings / weekends or on shifts. You can start by volunteering with an organization such as a care home, hospital or hospice. Your work may involve travelling between clients, so a driving licence would be useful. You may need to wear a uniform.

### How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- College (T Level in Health, Diploma in Health and Social Care)
- Apprenticeship (Level 2 / 3 Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeships)

### Local Providers:

- City College, Plymouth
- Achievement Training
- University Technical College, South Devon

### Skills Required:

- Sensitivity and understanding - you may get to know your clients well
- A desire to help people - you may support clients to take part in activities and events
- The ability to work well with others
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail - you may need to keep records and care plans up to date
- The ability to understand people's reactions
- Excellent verbal communication skills

### Local Employers:

- Derriford Hospital
- Ivydene Care Home
- Elburton Heights Care Home

### Progression:

With further training you could specialize in a particular area, such as Dementia or Palliative Care. You could become a Senior Care Worker and move towards supervising a care team.