

# Ivybridge Community College

## Career of the Week



### Autumn Term

**Job Title: Healthcare Assistant**

**Salary: £20,000 - £26,000 (experienced)**

**Working Hours: 37-40 hours per week, you may work evenings / weekends / on shifts**

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

- College / Sixth Form
- HCA Apprenticeship / T Level in Health

### Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- City College, Plymouth (T Level in Health)
- Achievement Training (Diploma in Health and Social Care)
- Scott Medical College

### Skills Required:

- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Sensitivity and understanding
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to work well with others
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Customer service skills
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- You could work in an NHS or private hospital, at a client's home, care home or hospice.

### Employers in the South West:

- Plymouth Hospital Trust
- Torbay Hospital Trust
- Livewell South West
- Private Care Homes (e.g. Ivydene Nursing Home)

### Progression:

This job could act as a stepping stone to other health careers such as nurse, radiographer, care worker or midwife. With extra training you could become an assistant practitioner in occupational therapy or physiotherapy, or you could become a trainer or a team manager for new healthcare assistants.