

Options with a degree in Working with Children and Families

What skills will you develop?

Working with Children and Families graduates are able to:

- present ideas and arguments verbally and in writing; and either formally or informally
- work collaboratively with others on projects and presentations
- identify and propose solutions to problems through case work analysis
- work independently
- develop research skills
- organise material in a logical and coherent way
- use information technology to store, retrieve and produce material for course work

These are just a sample of jobs where a Working with Children and Families degree would be a useful background or relevant first step prior to further training or study

- Accommodation warden (supported housing)
- Advice worker (welfare, debt, employment, housing)
- Care manager
- Community arts worker
- Community development worker
- Counsellor
- Education welfare Officer
- Family mediator
- Family support worker
- Learning mentor
- Nursery manager
- Play worker
- Probation officer
- Residential support worker
- Social worker
- Special Needs Teaching Assistant
- Substance Misuse outreach worker
- Teacher
- Teaching assistant
- Victim supporter
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Youth and community worker

What have recent Working with Children and Families graduates gone on to do?

- Support Worker, Autism Initiative
- Support Worker, Croftlands Mental Health
- Support Worker, Changing Lives
- Support Worker, Lancashire County Council
- Outreach Worker, Lancashire County Council
- Youth Worker, Carlisle Youth Zone
- Nursery Practitioner, Greenhouse Farm Nursery
- Residential Childcare Officer, St Cuthbert's Care
- Senior Early Years Practitioner, Rising Stars Nursery
- Early Years Educator, Learning Curve Nurseries
- Education Learning Mentor, Roc Northwest Academy
- Teaching Assistant, Holy Family Catholic School

What other career options are there?

Many employers seek graduates with a good degree (usually a 2.2 or higher), and over 80% of employers don't have a preference for the subject studied. These are some other areas you could also consider. Some of these will involve further study or training:

- Accountancy
- Administration
- Advertising
- Banking
- Charity and voluntary work
- Civil Service
- Events management
- Finance
- Hospitality
- HR
- Insurance
- Law
- Local government
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Recruitment
- Sales and retail
- Tourism

For more information about different sectors and job roles, including career-planning tools, the following websites are helpful:

[Prospects](#)

[Targetjobs](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

What help is available from the University of Cumbria?



The Careers and Employability Service can support you with your career planning throughout your time at university, and for up to three years after you graduate. During this time, you can access our career hub, [My Career Enriched](#), which enables you to:

- search for graduate jobs, part-time work, work experience, placements and paid internships
- book one-to-one advice and guidance appointments
- book a practice interview
- book onto employability events
- access the CV/application review service

We also offer practical workshops on a range of employability topics, as well as advice and information about further study.

Students with a disability or health condition can request information and advice on finding disability confident employers, how to declare a disability, applying for work, and requesting adjustments in the recruitment process.

Access our range of careers information and resources on My.Cumbria.ac.uk

Other useful sources of advice:

[Blackboard](#)

[Targetpostgrad](#)

[FindAMasters](#)

[British Association of Social Work](#)

[Health and Care Professions Council](#)

[HM Prison & Probation Service](#)

[Victim Support](#)

[Pre-school Learning Alliance](#)

[Citizens advice – jobs and volunteering](#)

[Get into Teaching](#)

[National Youth Agency](#)

[Think ahead](#)

[Frontline](#)

[Step up into Social Work](#)

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