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Press Release

GROWING NEED FOR TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED CARERS

A career in social care is one of the most secure in today's tough economic climate, as well as being personally rewarding, say experts at Cambridge Regional College.

The best route into the field is through one of the College's many specialist courses, which can be studied full or part-time, or as part of its new Apprenticeship programme in Health and Social Care for 16 to 24 year-olds. NVQs in Health and Social Care are available for employees of all ages.

Social care is a career option for everyone at every stage of their life, with flexible teaching sessions opening the door to opportunities for full-time or part-time work, and permanent or temporary employment positions.

"Health and social care is an area where there is a growing need for trained and experienced staff. People are always going to need good carers," said Pam Byrd, head of CRC's Care, Health and Early Years Academy. "Job prospects are expanding and the rewards go far beyond the financial ones – caring for other people is a hugely worthwhile career."

Students at CRC study under highly qualified staff with wide-ranging professional experience in the social care sector and all training programmes incorporate experience of work in real settings. The College works closely with many employers across the region, who provide vital support for trainees.

Qualifications can lead to careers in a range of areas, from social care, health care, residential care with adults or children, to dental nursing, youth work, child minding, nursery work, teaching support and many more.

Many opportunities are available once the first steps have been taken into training. The flexible options at Cambridge Regional College make it an excellent choice for all, whether starting out, looking for a new career or facing a change after redundancy.

For more information or an informal chat, ring the College information team on 01223 418249 or 01223 226315.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.