



Fact Sheet

Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Level 5

Who is the programme suitable for?

Providing, supervising and coordinating high-quality and compassionate health and social care for a wide range of people.

Assistant Practitioners work as part of the wider health and social care team and have direct contact with patients, service users or clients providing high quality and compassionate care. Assistant Practitioners work at a level above that of Healthcare Support Workers and have a more in-depth understanding about factors that influence health and ill-health (e.g. anatomy and physiology). Assistant Practitioner is a job title applied to a very wide variety of roles that have been developed locally by employers to meet individual service need. Upon successful completion of this standard, individuals will have obtained the core skills, knowledge and values/behaviours to become an Assistant Practitioner.

Examples of common work activities include: Assisting in total patient assessment, coordination of care (including referrals to other practitioners) and higher clinical skills such as catheterisation, wound care and discharge planning. Assistant Practitioners can be found working in a range of areas such as Cancer Services, Physiotherapy, Genito- Urinary Medicine, Orthopaedics, Hospice Care, Mental Health, Social Care, Community, Occupational Therapy, Learning Disabilities as well as hybrid roles that cross traditional occupational areas. Assistant Practitioners will therefore develop additional skills and knowledge based on their employer's requirements depending on the clinical or professional area within which they are working.

Topics covered include:

This course, awarded by the University of Plymouth, consists of 12 subject modules, and each module has two assessed assignments.

- Skills for healthcare practice
- Foundations of healthcare practice
- Human growth and development
- Evidence-based practice

- Changing practice
- Health promotion

Full details of the standards can be found on the [Institute of Apprenticeships website](#).

What qualifications will you achieve?

FdSc Assistant Practitioner Health and Social Care – Higher Apprenticeship (Standard).

Entry /Eligibility Criteria

- Level 3 QCF Health and Social Care or equivalent
- Level 2 GCSE grade C or above in both English and Maths or equivalent Level 2 Functional Skills English and maths
- Care Certificate or equivalent (which is usually linked to time in practice with your organisation)
- The Support of your Manager

(Those applicants who do not have the above qualifications and have a proven record of experience as a health and social care practitioner at the correct level and who can demonstrate relevant experience through portfolio plus an interview may be eligible to enter the award).

- Employed for a minimum of 30 hours a week by the organisation on a substantial contract and undertaking a relevant job role
- As a guide you ideally need GCSE grade 4/C or above (or equivalent) in English and Maths, or Level 2 Functional Skills. (If you do not have English and Maths you will need to continue to work towards these during your programme and have achieved them prior to the end point assessment. You will be fully supported by your training provider).
- Due to the current eligibility criteria for Government funded apprenticeship schemes, we are currently only able to accept applications from candidates who have been resident in the UK for the last 3 years, and who are not already in any form of Government funded education.
- If internal you will need your manager's approval.

Duration

2 years from induction date to EPA gateway

Frequency of programmes

Twice a year

How is the programme delivered?

Hours – Apprentices need to work a minimum of 30 hours a week. 20% of your work time will be off-the-job learning, equates to 7.5 hours a week for a full-time learner.

You are likely to be in college for 1 full day a week for supported study with the Training Provider - this is typically a blend of face-to-face and on-line learning.

How are you assessed?

You will undertake an End Point Assessment which will include a presentation with questions and answers and a professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence.

Career progression

Upon successful completion of this FdSc and apprenticeship standard, you will have obtained the core skills, knowledge and values/behaviours to become an Assistant Practitioner. Progression after this course can include Level 6 BA Hons Professional Development (Health and Social Care), BSc Adult Nursing, BSc Adult Mental Health Nursing, BSc Physiotherapy, BSc Occupational Therapy.

Training Provider(s)

Petroc College - delivering in Barnstable, Tiverton and Torbay Hospital site.

How do I apply?

For External applicants

You must first gain a job in an appropriate role such as Trainee Assistant Practitioner, Trainee OT Practitioner within the Trust, These are advertised via NHS jobs or our [Recruitment website](#).

For Internal Applicants

Contact

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If you have more specific questions regarding what the apprenticeship entails, please contact

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