

# Assistant Practitioner in Health & Social Care (Level 5)

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This is a two year Higher Apprenticeship; apprentices have the opportunity to graduate with a Foundation Degree (Science) in Health & Social Care, as well as an Assistant Practitioner qualification.

## Why study this course?

- 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.
- Upon successful completion of this standard, individuals will have obtained the core skills, knowledge and values/behaviours to become an Assistant Practitioner.

## Who is the course aimed at?

- This course would suit support staff working in health and social care sector that have the motivation and potential to progress into academic study or within their job roles.
- Essential to the learner's success is a vocational professional attitude and value base. The potential for managing yourself and other staff within challenging situations is also key to this programme.

## What you will study?

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Effective Assessment, planning, delivery and management of high quality care
- Applied clinical skills in relation to the workplace setting
- An overview of Public health looking at health agendas, inequalities, government policies and clinical guidelines
- Personal and professional development – including study skills and developing a lifelong learning approach within the learner.

## Knowledge and Skills you will develop

- Acquire factual and theoretical knowledge in broad contexts within a field of work.
- The work based competencies will be in line with standard operating procedures, protocols or systems of work in your setting. You will make judgments, plans activities, contribute to service development and demonstrate self-development.

## Behaviours you will develop

- Working as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Treat individuals with dignity, respecting individual's beliefs, culture, values and preferences
- Respect and adopt an empathetic approach
- Demonstrate courage to challenge areas of concern and work to best practice
- Be adaptable
- Demonstrate discretion

## Entry requirements

- You must be employed in a Health and Social Care or NHS setting
- You must have the full support of your employer/line manager
- Be able to attend agreed taught sessions
- Level 3 NVQ or equivalent
- Level 2 Maths and English

## How long will it last?

- 18 – 24 months

## How will it be delivered?

- The knowledge requirements (the Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care) will be delivered 1 day a week.
- The competency requirements will largely be delivered within the workplace environment, via directed distance learning, regular assessor one to one tutorials and some evening classes
- You and your employer must demonstrate a commitment to 20% off the job training to support completion of this apprenticeship

## Qualifications gained

- The Care Certificate
- Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care.
- Industry Specific Requirements: workplace competencies, in line with The Code of Conduct for Healthcare Support Workers and Adult Social Care Workers in England
- Completion of the Assistant Practitioners Standard

## Progression to further study

- For those Assistant Practitioners who wish to progress into Registered Practice, the apprenticeship can provide credits into some Higher Education programmes aligned to professional registration.
- Completion of the Foundation Degree (Science) in Health and Social Care can enable progression to a BSc Hons Health and Social Care degree programme.

## Further details

Further details on this standard can be found at:  
[www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/healthcare-assistant-practitioner](http://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/healthcare-assistant-practitioner)

## Who to contact

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