



Higher Apprenticeships in Health Science

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loyalty and boost
your organisation's
knowledge, with our
higher apprenticeship
scheme in Health
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Get fresh skills into your healthcare organisation.

Creating tomorrow's healthcare professionals

If you are looking to develop your employees to become Assistant Practitioners, our Higher Apprenticeship is a nationally recognised work-related qualification that can support them in the next step of their career.

Why work with Essex

We are committed to excellence in teaching and excellence in research. We are a university with strong existing links to business and experience with work-based learning. At Essex, we explore new ways of thinking and pushing boundaries isn't just encouraged— it's expected. We've recently been ranked 22nd in the Times Good University Guide 2018, and have been shortlisted for University of the Year 2018 (TGUG, 2018).

Latest knowledge in your workplace

Teaching is provided by our School of Health and Social Care. We deliver the Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Apprenticeship standard set by the Skills Funding Agency. The standard was created by NHS Trusts and other parties to ensure qualifications are employer-led to fit the sector's needs.

Highest standards for the best skills

Our course is delivered over 24 months with apprentices attending university one day per week.

The course is designed to stretch and challenge your employees, to develop both their academic and clinical skills. There is the opportunity on successful completion to top-up to our BSc Health Care Practice or BSc Nursing courses.

Entry requirements

Your employees will require a Level 2 qualification in Literacy and Numeracy which is equivalent to a GCSE at A-C grade as well as experience studying at Level 3.

It is also required that your employees work a minimum of 30 hours per week in a relevant role (to include all time spent in their role and at university).

As this is a work-related qualification aimed at developing your employees, we look at them on an individual basis. We are just as interested in what their current role is, what their professional experience is like and how determined they are to succeed in their career, as we are in their academic qualifications.

Course costs

The tuition fee for new students starting in 2018-19 is likely to be £6,000.

YR1 HA/FD Health Science

HS700: Study and Lifelong Learning

HS701: Biopsychosocial Science

HS702: Patient Safety

HS703: Health Illness & Disease

HS704: Long Term Conditions

HS705: Skills 1 Portfolio

YR2 HA/FD Health Science

HS602: Critical Appraisal Skills

HS722: Law & Ethics

HS706: Delivering Public Health

HS707: Acute Intervention and Rehabilitation

HS708: Skills 2 Portfolio

Finance and Funding

The Apprenticeship Levy

The Government has committed to 3 million apprenticeship starts by 2020 with the introduction of the Apprenticeship levy being designed to meet this aim (from April 2017) The levy puts employers at the centre of the process so they can control the expenditure of their levy.

Employers who have an annual pay bill in excess of £3 million will be charged at 0.5% of their pay bill. Each levy-paying employer will receive an allowance of £15,000 to offset against their levy payment.

The levy payments will be managed by employers through the Digital Apprenticeship Service, so employers can:

- Select an appropriate apprenticeship standard
- Search and select an appropriate training provider (including University of Essex)
- Manage their apprentices training
- Make payments for apprenticeship training and assessment

For levy payers, funds will expire after 24 months if not used to pay for apprenticeship training.

How we can help

The University of Essex can help you plan your apprenticeship strategy and how to make best use of your levy contribution.

Incentive Grants

Further incentive grants are available from the UK government for apprenticeship training depending on the size of your organisation and the apprentices you employ, these include:

- Companies who employ an apprentice aged 16-18 at the start of an apprenticeship.
- Companies who employ a care leaver aged 19-24.
- Completion incentives are also available on formal completion of an apprenticeship.

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