

Degree Apprenticeship

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What is a Degree Apprenticeship?

- Government driven
- Combining Part-time learning (minimum of 20%) with Part-time working
- Supported by workplace by using apprenticeship levy
- Learning carries over into work
- [Occupational Therapy course information](#)

Teaching at SHU

- NO long breaks within the programme (52 week year)
- 36 month course overall, 30 months of delivery
- Block delivery:
 - Teaching blocks, includes Integrated Care Curriculum like BSc programme
 - Work-blocks - where work-based tasks are completed
 - Placement blocks - following same pattern as our other programmes
- Final Assessment
- Mainly online/distance learning with some on campus touch points
- Flipped learning - learners prepare things in their own time which is then followed up in teaching

Work-based Mentor and Work-based Learning Coach

- Each apprentice has a mentor (approx 30 hours) in the workplace
 - Support the learner
 - Implement learning in the workplace - within contract
 - Takes part in progress reviews
- Each apprentices has a work-based learning coach through the university
 - Facilitates progress reviews
 - Monitors progress
 - Closely links with academic advisor and course team
- Students create a portfolio throughout their course to evidence learning and progression. This is mapped to the [degree apprenticeship standards](#).

Sourcing Apprenticeship Placements

- Apprenticeship placements do not come with a tariff
- We are working with employers to create local *placement circuits* where possible, this involves the employer partnerships manager and placement administration team

Where circuits are not possible we work with:

- Apprentices, mentors and employers to gain contacts outside of our normal area and ensure correct processes are followed
- Apprentices can undertake 1 placement with their employer, but this can NOT be in the same area as their substantive post
- Other placements have to be elsewhere

Placements

- 4 placements overall, placements are full-time
 - Placement 1 level 4 - 6 weeks
 - Placement 2 level 5 - 8 weeks
 - Placement 3 level 5 - 8 weeks - extended scope/role emerging
 - Placement 4 level 6 - 10 weeks
- Placements should cover a wide variety of area's and normally include:
 - 1 in-patient and 1 community
 - 1 physical and 1 mental health area
 - 1 extended scope

Placement dates for 2021/22 academic year

15 November 2021 - 7 January 2022 Placement 2 (level 5)

24 January 2022 - 1 April 2022 Placement 4 (level 6)

28 March 2022 - 20 May 2022 Placement 3 (level 5) = extended scope

20 June 2022 - 29 July 2022 Placement 1 (level 4)

Placement guidance

- **Apprentices are entitled to ½ a day a week off study time, just like our other learners on placement**
- Apprentices do not receive a SHU student uniform
- Apprentices require immunisations and completion of mandatory training for clearance prior to starting placement
- They should aim to complete normal (contracted) working hours whilst on placement.
- They cannot take annual leave whilst on placement
- Absence reporting follows the same procedures as our other programmes

DA placement Assessment

- Each level of placement has a placement assessment document - these can be found on the [placement website](#) (please scroll down to Degree Apprenticeship).
- Educators receive this prior to placement starting
- Learners receive this as part of a placement preparation session
- Overall learners receive a Pass or Fail, as on our other pre-registration programmes

Assessment 2

- Each placement has an additional written task which is a short placement reflection with a theme:
 - Placement 1 - OT process reflection
 - Placement 2 - Clinical reasoning reflection
 - Placement 4 - Evidence based practice reflection
- Placement 3 has a poster assessment based on the occupational intervention implemented on this placement
- This attracts a % mark
- Both tasks have to be passed to be successful in the module