

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

HEALTHCARE SCIENCE PRACTITIONER

BSc (Honours) Healthcare Science (Cardiovascular, Respiratory and Sleep Sciences)

► OVERVIEW

The Healthcare Science Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship has been developed by a trailblazer group of NHS trusts and services, and higher education providers. The apprenticeship provides an alternative to graduate recruitment and the opportunity to 'grow your own' talent. It includes a combination of work-based learning modules and specialist education, which leads to a BSc (Honours) Healthcare Science (Cardiovascular, Respiratory and Sleep Sciences) in line with the National School of Healthcare Science's Practitioner Training Programme curriculum.

This apprenticeship prepares learners for professional careers in healthcare science by providing the underpinning knowledge, clinical skills, and interpersonal skills the profession demands. The course is intended to develop the potential of employees, and utilise and build upon their existing knowledge.

For those already in employment the apprenticeship provides access to development opportunities for applicants who may already have practical experience but wish to develop their skills further and obtain an academic qualification and professional recognition. It is expected that learners will be able to take the knowledge gained at Sheffield Hallam University and make immediate use of it in the workplace.



▶ BENEFITS TO YOU

- Attract and retain the best talent, whilst supporting the youth employment agenda.
- Enhance your learning and development strategy by establishing a clear progression route for aspiring and established healthcare science assistant practitioners and apprentices.
- Generate a return on investment through accelerated development and increased commitment.

▶ KEY INDUSTRY DRIVERS

- The need to develop a 'workforce that meets modern day demands and keeps up with the rapid advances in science and technology' and to provide a workforce with 'the right values and behaviours and a focus on outcomes and continual improvement' (Healthcare Science Education and Training – Explaining the Facts, NHS Employers, October 2014).
- Fragmented career pathways have resulted in under-supply of healthcare scientists in specialisms (Modernising Scientific Careers – Explaining the Facts, NHS Employers, January 2014).
- The introduction of the apprenticeship levy.

Entry requirements	<p>The usual entry requirements are GCSE (or equivalent) mathematics, English language or literature, and a science subject at grade C or grade 4, or above – plus one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 112 UCAS points from at least two A levels (including at least 32 points in biology) or equivalent BTEC National qualifications (including suitable chemistry and biology modules)• 96 UCAS points from three A levels (including 32 points in biology). The study of chemistry is useful, but not essential. We do not accept general studies.• Access to HE Diploma from a relevant QAA-recognised Access to HE course which has mainly biology and chemistry related modules, or an equivalent Access to HE certificate• successful completion of a level 3 or 4 Healthcare Science apprenticeship
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Applicants who do not meet the above academic criteria but have sufficient relevant experience in the workplace will be considered on an individual basis.

Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The programme is usually delivered over three years.
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Delivery method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners attend the University on a block- study basis – four one-week blocks in year one and up to three one-week blocks in years two and three.• The programme adopts a blended learning approach with modules delivered through a combination of lectures, class-based seminars and discussions, clinical work and further learning opportunities, such as seminars in the workplace.• With sufficient demand from one or a small group of employers, we could offer a bespoke delivery model enabling apprentices to attend from further afield.
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Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The integrated end-point assessment checks that the employee meets the apprenticeship standard and is ready to join the profession with full occupational competence.• Includes a readiness for practice test, a research presentation and a professional discussion with an assessor on the apprentice's portfolio.
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Award info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants will gain the BSc (Honours) Healthcare Science.
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Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employers who pay the apprenticeship levy can use their payments to cover course fees and assessment.• If your organisation doesn't pay the levy, you can still access government funding to cover at least 90% of course fees.• Fee amounts vary depending on your exact requirements. Please contact us to find out more.
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