

Occupational Therapy Degree Apprenticeship

This new Health and Care Professions Council approved BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship is aligned to the requirements of the regulatory, professional, and apprenticeship standards. Following successful completion of the course, you will be awarded a BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy and the Apprenticeship Certificate. You will then be eligible to register with the Health and Care Professions Council as an Occupational Therapist.

This Apprenticeship is both a professional and academic award and will equip you with the necessary knowledge, skills and behaviours required to become an occupational therapist. The course will build on your existing abilities and understanding of what it is to be an occupational therapist and on completion of the course, you will be able to work as part of an effective team to deliver high quality, safe and personalised interventions to patients, their families and carers.



Job roles/Occupations

Degree Apprenticeships are accessible to those employed within a workplace in England. This Apprenticeship is designed for individuals who are working in any health or social care setting in a role that is related to occupational therapy and will be of interest if you are either entering or working in the sector and are looking to progress from a support role or equivalent. The Apprenticeship is suitable for those working in the public, private and third sectors and for companies of all sizes.

Regardless of the employing organisation/area of work, apprentices must be able to access weekly supervision of a work-based mentor, who must be a registered occupational therapist for the duration of the apprenticeship programme.

Benefits

This Degree Apprenticeship will provide individuals with enhanced skills, knowledge and behaviours in a range of areas that will benefit organisations. Skills and training will be delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, online learning and employer-led projects, as well as through the full-time placement experiences and on-the-job training within the workplace.

How it works

Apprentices will attend the University of Wolverhampton for theoretical; modules and assessments one day per week. Apprentices will also undertake four full-time placements throughout the three years of study in a location outside the usual workplace to meet the requirement of 1,000 hours practice-based learning. The placements may be undertaken in a range of settings where occupational therapists currently work or may be in a role emerging setting where there is not currently an occupational therapist in practice. The placements will be identified by the employer and agreed by the university prior to the start of the course. Assistance with sourcing placements outside the employed setting will be facilitated by the occupational therapy practice lead at the university.

Apprentices will study:

Year 1

- 4AH013 Foundations and Context of Occupation
- 4AH014 Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- 4AH015 Human Sciences
- 4AH016 Practice Based Learning I
- 4AH017 Professional Governance

Year 2

- 5AH013 Applied Models and Theories of Occupational Therapy
- 5AH014 Enhancing Human Occupation
- 5AH017 Clinical Governance and Evidence Based Practice
- 5AH015 Practice Based Learning II
- 5AH018 Placement III

Year 3

- 6AH026 Effective Collaborative Practice
- 6AH027 Professional Dissertation
- 6AH031 Practice Based Learning IV
- 6AH030 EPA Occupational Therapy Professional Consolidation

Qualifications

On successful completion of this course, you will have achieved a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy and will be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council as an Occupational Therapist.

Entry requirements

Applicants must be employed within a health or care setting for a minimum of 30 hours a week in England and supported by their employer.

You must have a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade C+/ 4 in an English-based subject, Maths and Science or equivalent qualifications.

PLUS 104 UCAS points or equivalent. The University will work with employers to consider other relevant qualifications.

Other entry requirements

- Evidence of a satisfactory enhanced DBS check undertaken within 12 months of the start of the course.
- Evidence of a satisfactory occupational health assessment; vaccinations need to be up-to-date.
- A values-based interview.
- The employer must be able to release the apprentice to reach the off-the-job training and placement requirements for the duration of the apprenticeship.

Previous study

Where an applicant has previously studied a professional course or an apprenticeship at another higher education institution, recognition of prior learning for up to one third of the programme can be considered.

Fees and funding

For employers with a payroll below £3 million:

For employers who will not be paying the apprenticeship levy, the Government will pay 95% of the cost of the apprenticeship training and assessment for apprentices of any age. You may also be eligible for extra employer incentives.

For employers with a payroll above £3 million:

Employers will be able to use their apprenticeship levy contributions towards the cost of the apprenticeship using their digital account. We will agree a payment schedule and discuss funding availability with each employer before starting any apprenticeships to ensure the cost to a business is clear upfront.

Register your interest today!

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