

Apprenticeship Guidance - Advanced Clinical Practitioner



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What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is training for an employee in a skilled occupation that combines studying for a work-based qualification whilst working in a related job role

Who are they for?

- ✓ For a new employee or existing employee, full time or part time
- ✓ The minimum age for an apprentice is 16 year old
- ✓ The Apprentice cannot be enrolled on another Apprenticeship at the same time as any new apprenticeship they start
- ✓ The Apprentice must have a contract of employment which is long enough for them to complete the apprenticeship successfully
- ✓ An 'Apprenticeship Agreement', must be signed at the start of the Apprenticeship. It is used to confirm individual employment arrangements. An example is provided [here](#)
- ✓ Generally, 80% of an Apprentice's time will be training in the workplace with 20% at college / with the training provider
- ✓ Apprenticeships last for a minimum of 12 months and can last up to 5 years depending on the education level.
- ✓ If the person works fewer than 30 hours a week you will need to check whether the Training Provider will extend the minimum duration of the Apprenticeship (pro rata) to take account of this

Advanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship

This is a Level 7 (Masters equivalent) Apprenticeship that will be available at some Higher Education Institutions in September 2019

The programme has a typical length of 3 years and is available for any registered Health Care Professional who has a minimum of 3 years post qualification experience. The student does not have to be employed before the apprenticeship, but they must be employed by the organisation on commencement of the programme. Maths and English at level 2 is a prerequisite of being admitted to the programme

Cost of Advanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship

The government has set a rate of the tuition cost for each Apprenticeship and placed it into a 'funding band'. This is the amount of money the government has determined the training will cost to the employer, although employers are able to negotiate preferential rates with training providers. The funding band for the Advanced Clinical Practitioner equates to a tuition cost of **£12,000**.



The Apprenticeship Levy was introduced in April 2017. Employers with a payroll bill of over £3 million per annum, will pay a levy of 0.5% of their payroll bill. These funds are then used by the employer to pay for the apprenticeship tuition fees. Non-levy paying organisations only pay 10% of the cost of the Apprenticeship. The government will pay the remaining 90%.

To encourage wider take up of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner role in 19/20, HEE North West is providing funding support to employers for the Apprenticeship programme.

- HEE will provide a Training Grant as a contribution to assist employers with the associated costs of employing a Trainee ACP.
- The Training Grant will be on average **£9,000 per year** and up to a maximum of **£18,000 per year for Primary Care employers**
- HEE will **match fund** the Training Grant at the same overall value as being provided for the **MSc Advanced Clinical Practice programme**.
- Also, whilst larger levy paying employers will use their levy to pay the £12,000 tuition fee, for non-levy payers HEE will cover the **10% tuition costs**



To view the Apprenticeship Standard for an Advanced Clinical Practitioner, [click here](#).

Training Providers for Advanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship Programme



HEE is initiating and supporting a national procurement for providers of the Advanced Clinical Practice Apprenticeship, to have a national framework for preferred providers. A list of current HEE funded Training Providers delivering the apprenticeship in the North West is provided below, along with the duration of the programme shown in months.

Training Provider	Course	Start Date	Apprenticeship Duration
Liverpool John Moores University	*MSc Advanced Health Care Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Chester	MSc Advanced Practice-Clinical Pathway	26/09/2019	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Cumbria	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Distance Learning)	01/09/2019 & 01/03/2020	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Liverpool	MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner	3/2/2020	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Bolton	*MSc in Advanced Practice (Apprenticeship Validation underway for September 2019)	1/9/2019	TBC - proposed at 24
University of Manchester	* Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (Intensive Care)	1/9/2019	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Manchester	* Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Cancer)	1/9/2019	TBC - proposed at 36
University of Salford	Multi-professional generic pathway	19/09/2019	TBC - proposed at 28
University of Salford	Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (Intensive Care)	19/09/2019	TBC - proposed at 28
UCLAN	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	1/1/2019	TBC - proposed at 27

*Subject to validation

Admissions criteria

Employers should check with each Training Provider in relation to admissions criteria but entry requirements will likely consider; current professional registration, significant post-registration experience of professional practice, evidence the employee is / will be operating in a role that will offer the opportunity to practice at an advanced level within their profession and evidence of professional and academic development, including any international qualifications and levels of English and Maths.

Expected study

- ✓ In addition to academic studies the student is required to keep a weekly reflective learning log, that is signed by the employers mentor
- ✓ Meetings take place periodically (approximately every 10 weeks) between the student, employer and university to be able to map to the capabilities in the apprentice standard.
- ✓ Once the student has successfully completed 160 credits and completed the learning in practice components including Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) , the mentor in conjunction with the university will decide whether the student is ready to undertake the end point assessment
- ✓ The student then undertakes the end point assessment. (EPA). This is an open book exam and a presentation of practice, prior to being awarded the qualification.