

Health (Pharmacy Services) Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

Duration: 24 months

Who is the apprenticeship for?

This apprenticeship is intended for new or existing staff working in the healthcare sector and is suitable for candidates who have an interest in pursuing a career as a pharmacy technician or pharmacy assistant. Candidates should be caring, conscientious, discreet, respectful, personable, be able to work in a team and carry out their duties meticulously.

Entry requirements

Applicants must be age 16 and over with GCSEs A*- C, including English, and Maths or an appropriate NVQ2 or First Diploma at Merit with Functional skills level 2 in English, Maths and IT. Qualifications will be considered along with the results of an initial assessment.

What qualifications are delivered?

- ◆ NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Services Skills (Level 3)
- ◆ BTEC Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (Level 3)
- ◆ Functional Skills in IT Level 2 (if not already achieved)
- ◆ Employee Rights and Responsibilities
- ◆ Personal Learning & Thinking Skills

What does the apprenticeship cover?

The apprenticeship includes a range of optional units available, which will be determined by their relevance to the individual's job role.

BTEC Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science (Level 3)

Mandatory Units (examples):

- ◆ Chemical principals for pharmacy technicians
- ◆ Biological principals for pharmacy
- ◆ Microbiology for pharmacy
- ◆ Human physiology for pharmacy
- ◆ Action and uses of medicine
- ◆ Infections, immunological products and vaccines
- ◆ Community pharmacy practice
- ◆ Professional development in pharmacy
- ◆ Dispensing and supply of medicines
- ◆ Pharmacy law, ethics and practice

NVQ Diploma in Pharmacy Services Skills (Level 3)

Mandatory Units (examples):

- ◆ Reducing health & safety risks
- ◆ Providing an effective and responsive service
- ◆ Processing pharmaceutical queries
- ◆ Processing individual prescriptions
- ◆ Confirming prescription validity
- ◆ Assembling prescribed items
- ◆ Ordering pharmaceutical stock
- ◆ Preparing extemporaneous medicines
- ◆ Undertaking an in-process accuracy check of assembled prescribed items prior to final accuracy check

Training Programme

This training programme is mainly delivered and assessed in the workplace. The assessor visits the apprentice once a month for approximately 3 hours for assessment and training. In addition quarterly review meetings will be scheduled to track progress, involving the line manager, assessor and apprentice. If the apprentice needs to gain their IT qualifications they will attend the college to achieve these.

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