

Higher Level Apprenticeship - Assistant Practitioner Supporting the AHP Workforce

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Structure

- Dual Qualification
 - Foundation Degree
 - Higher Level Apprenticeship
- FD = 15 months in duration
- HLA = +3 months for EPA
- Blended Delivery (Distance Learning + Short Intense Residential Blocks)




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Entry

- Evidence of Level 3 qualification (any subject)
- Evidence of Level 2 Literacy and Numeracy
 - GCSE
 - Functional Skills
- We can support Functional Skills qualifications on programme if the candidate meets criteria



Modules - Core

Preparatory Skills for Clinical Education

Level 4

Preparing for Clinical Practice

Clinical Practice 1

Anatomy and Physiology

Person Centred Care

Therapeutic Interventions

Effective Communication

Principles and Philosophies of Healthcare

Level 5

Clinical Practice 2

Public Health and Equality

Principles and Skills for the Assistant Practitioner

Evidence and Application of Research

Approaches to Mental Health

Modules - Elective

- Long Term Conditions
- Acute and Critical Care: Foundations for practice
- Podiatry
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Radiography (Therapeutic and Diagnostics)
- Perioperative Practice
- Audiology (Superseded by FdSc Hearing Aid Audiology)
- Integrated Therapies
- Specialist Residential Practitioner
- Intensive Care Practitioner
- Advanced Holistic Mental Health Practitioner



Assessment

- Competency
 - Practice Assessment Document
 - Ongoing Achievement Record
 - Professional Practice Portfolio
 - Continuous Reflective Journal
 - Integrated Subjective Clinical Examination (Bespoke) - co-assessed
 - Lived Patient Experiences



Competency

- Designed/Selected by Organisation
- Co-written in partnership to ensure departments/wards have an assistant practitioner which really fits the requirements
- Underpinned in Practice Based Learning Modules
 - Academic Assessor
 - Practice Assessor
 - Practice Supervisor
- Initial, Mid and Final Interview through each stage of study



Mentorship

- Practice Assessor - Registered Professional
- Practice Supervisor - Other healthcare worker/inter/multidisciplinary professionals
- Mentorship Training
- Central Mentor Hub
- Qualification



Support

- Dedicated tailored support to meet students needs
 - Educational
 - Clinically
 - Pastorally



How we can help further....

- Direct Entry Students supported by paid placement
 - UCSD will pay all placements £1692 per student for each level of study (£3384 in total (60 weeks)
- Development of Modules that organisations need for workforce development
 - Dietetics?
 - Orthoptics? Optometry?
 - Sonography?
 - Orthotics?
- Development APEL opportunities
 - Into the AP programme
 - Out of the AP programme



Partnership

