

# Admissions Information for Healthcare Science Level 6 Apprenticeships

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# Recruitment to Apprenticeships

Government funding rules require that an apprentice:

- has the right to live and work in the UK;
- is in employment and paid at least the minimum wage; and
- has a written and signed agreement for the apprenticeship with their employer.

The minimum duration for an apprenticeship, as specified in each Apprenticeship Standard, is based on an apprentice working a minimum of 30 hours per week. Where an apprentice works fewer than 30 hours, the minimum duration of the apprenticeship must be increased on a pro-rata basis.

All apprentices must be interviewed, assessed, and offered a position by an employer before being admitted to the apprenticeship programme. The position they are offered should be relevant to the specialism they will be trained in, and hence to the competences they will be required to evidence for their apprenticeship.

It is anticipated that individual employers will set the selection criteria for appointing apprentices and that these will normally match the university selection criteria. After acceptance by an employer, the University will require a formal application, which it will assess against the programme entry criteria, as set out below. Please note that the university will require all applicants to undertake occupational health and DBS checks, irrespective of whether they have these already within their workplace.

## Entry Requirements

### Mandatory Level 2 qualifications

- All apprentices must have English and Mathematics qualifications equivalent to GCSE Grade C/4 or above.

### Accepted Level 3 qualifications with no or minimal (less than 4 years) relevant work experience

#### Clinical Engineering and Medical Physics Technology

- **A level** - a minimum of 96 points (CCC) including at least one relevant STEM subject (e.g. physics, engineering or Mathematics) at 32 points/Grade C or higher.
- **T level** – a minimum of a pass grade (A-C in core components) in either Healthcare Science or Science.
- **BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Healthcare Science** – including pass grades in units that relate to the PTP specialism specified within the application.

- **BTEC National Extended Diploma** - grade MMM, including at least one relevant STEM subject.
- **Access to Higher Education (60-credit) Diploma** - at least 15 credits must be in STEM-based units and graded merit or above.

### Physiological Sciences

- **A level** - a minimum of 96 points (CCC) including one subject at 32 points/Grade C or higher from the following: Biology, Applied Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Health and Social Care, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Applied Science, Science in Society, Sport and Physical Education, Sports Studies.
- **T level** – a minimum of a pass grade (A-C in core components) in either Healthcare Science or Science.
- **BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Healthcare Science** – including pass grades in units that relate to the PTP specialism specified within the application.
- **BTEC National Extended Diploma** - grade MMM, including at least one relevant science or health and social care subject.
- **Access to Higher Education (60-credit) Diploma** - at least 15 credits must be in science-based units and graded merit or above.

Other subjects and experience may be accepted and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us to discuss.

## Accepted Level 3 qualifications with extensive (4+ years) relevant work experience

### Clinical Engineering and Medical Physics Technology

- **A level** – a minimum of 64 points (CC), including at least one relevant STEM subject at 32 points/Grade C or higher.
- **BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Healthcare Science** – including pass grades in units that relate to the PTP specialism specified within the application.
- **BTEC National Extended Diploma** - Grade MPP, including at least one relevant STEM subject.
- **Access to Higher Education Diploma** - at least 45 credits achieved at level 3 (15 at merit or above); 15 level 3 credits must be in STEM-based units.

### Physiological Sciences

- **A level** – a minimum of 64 points (CC), including at least one relevant subject at 32 points/Grade C or higher from the following: Biology, Applied Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Health and Social Care, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Applied Science, Science in Society, Sport and Physical Education, Sports Studies.

- **BTEC Level 4 Diploma in Healthcare Science** – including pass grades in units that relate to the PTP specialism specified within the application.
- **BTEC National Extended Diploma** - Grade MPP, including at least one relevant science or health and social care subject.
- **Access to Higher Education Diploma** - at least 45 credits achieved at level 3 (15 at merit or above); 15 level 3 credits must be in science-based units.

Other subjects and experience may be accepted and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us to discuss.

## Accepted Level 4-6 qualifications

Any relevant HNC, or foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate degree will be considered. With these qualifications it may be possible to gain accreditation for prior learning, and to study less modules during the first year of the apprenticeship programme. Please contact us as soon as possible to discuss as ideally accredited learning should be agreed before starting.

## Accepted subject-specific, specialist qualifications

The following will be considered alongside other L3-6 qualifications:

- **Clinical Engineering:**
  - NVQ Avensys L3 in Engineering Maintenance (merit; 64 points)
- **Medical Physics Technology:**
  - None currently
- **Physiological Sciences:**
  - SCST diploma in ECG Interpretation (20 points)
  - ARTP exam (20 points)

## Assessment of Prior Learning

In addition to consideration of learning or competence gained from prior work experience, prior education, training or associated qualifications need to be mapped against the apprenticeship learning outcomes prior to the start of an apprenticeship. Please ensure that full and detailed records are provided when individuals apply so that we can identify any possible overlap.

# Process for applying

To enable us to give all applications due attention, and to complete the admissions and onboarding process in a timely manner, we must adhere to strict deadlines. For apprentices starting in September 2024, we will:

- **reserve places** for an un-named candidate at any point up until **30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**;
- accept **full applications** from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** up until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2024**; and
- make conditional offers based on predicted grades where relevant.

For information on how to apply, or to discuss atypical entry requirements, please contact the Admissions team in the first instance: [hasdaadmissions@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:hasdaadmissions@uwe.ac.uk).