

Health Pharmacy Services - Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship

The Pharmacy Services Apprenticeship offers an effective way of training professionals to meet this demand, and supports the health sector's vision to develop an increasingly skilled and flexible workforce, whilst maintaining high-quality and safe care for patients.

The apprenticeship is for individuals looking to start a career as a Dispensing and Pharmacy Assistant and provides training for a range of responsibilities within the pharmacy. These include the sale of over-the-counter medicines, providing information to customers on symptoms and products, prescription receipt and collection, assembling prescribed items, and ordering, receiving and storing pharmaceutical stock.

You complete three core units at this level:

- **Assist with the provision of a pharmacy service to meet individuals' need**
- **Ensure your own actions reduce risks to health and safety**
- **Contribute to the effectiveness of teams**

You also choose four optional units from a range, including:

- **Assemble prescribed items**
- **Assist in the preparation of documentation, materials and other items for manufacture and assembly of medicinal products**
- **Maintain pharmaceutical stock**

WHAT WILL THE APPRENTICE STUDY?

Topics covered can include:

- providing safe and effective pharmacy services
- supply medicines and devices to patients, whether on prescription or over the counter
- achieving the best outcomes through a patient's medicines
- assemble medicines for prescriptions
- provide information to patients and other healthcare professionals.
- manage areas of medicines supply such as dispensaries

Duration: 24 months

Location: Workplace and College

Sector: Science

- supervise other pharmacy staff
- answering customers questions face to face or by phone
- pre-packing, assembling and labelling medicines
- referring problems or queries to the pharmacist

For more information please visit the [Insitute of Apprenticeships](#).

ENTRY CRITERIA

Individual employers will set the selection criteria, but this is likely to include five GCSEs, (especially English, Mathematics and a Science subject); a relevant Level 2 Apprenticeship

HOW IS THE APPRENTICE ASSESSED?

Apprenticeships are assessed by classroom study coursework and assessments along with on-the-job practicals.

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

On completion of this course, you can progress onto further study in this field or into a career in the health and social care sector. Qualifications you can move on to include Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians.

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