



Nursing Associate

Level 5 Higher Apprenticeship

FdSc Nursing Associate (Foundation Degree)



About the programme

The Nursing Associate is a highly trained support role to deliver effective, safe and responsive nursing care in and across a wide range of health and care settings. This role will bridge the gap between a support worker and a Registered Nurse, providing a workforce for future healthcare.

The apprenticeship programme is approximately a two and a half year programme leading to a Nursing Associate Foundation Degree.

Nursing Associates will work independently, and as part of the healthcare team, delivering care in a range of primary, secondary, community and social care settings. In this role, you will deliver hands-on care, focusing on ensuring patients continue to get the compassionate care they deserve.

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You will develop high quality, compassionate care under the direction of a Registered Nurse (or other registered health and social care professional) with a focus on promoting health and independence. You will work as part of a designated team delivering care that focuses on the direct needs of the individual and will carry out specific delegated tasks and responsibilities to a high standard and competency.

The Nursing Associate training programme combines and integrates both academic and work-based learning. A trainee Nursing Associate will be based, as an employee, in a particular organisation, in a specific setting, but will experience working in alternative settings in order to gain a wide appreciation of many health and care contexts and are able to fulfil all the requirements of the programme.

Who is it for?

The Nursing Associate apprenticeship programme is for Healthcare Assistants / Clinical Support Workers who are looking for a new challenge and an opportunity to develop and progress their career within healthcare.

What are the entry requirements?

Students must be employed in order to undertake the apprenticeship programme. Employers will set the selection criteria for their apprenticeships.

Academically, students will need to have Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths or GCSE English Language and Maths at Grade A-C or equivalent (certificates will be required upon application). Students will also need to demonstrate an ability to study at Diploma level with a commitment to complete a Foundation Degree programme and have experience working within healthcare and intermediate IT skills.

What qualification will be achieved?

At the end of the programme, apprentices will achieve a Level 5 Foundation Degree as a Nursing Associate.

How long is the apprenticeship?

The apprenticeship will run approximately over two and a half years with 20% of the time being spent at University and 80% in clinical practice. Apprentices will be expected to work the shift pattern in place within the clinical area they are working in.

What will be studied?

Apprentices will study six modules in total throughout the programme. The first year will comprise of modules such as; Foundations of Health and Wellbeing, Application of Skills to Support Health and Wellbeing 1 and Application of Skills to Support Health and Wellbeing 2. These modules will allow apprentices to develop their professionalism, interpersonal skills and find out more about human anatomy, person-centred care, safeguarding and public health and health promotion.

The second year of the programme will include modules such as; Introduction to Reflective Practice, Exploring Specific Health Issues and Developing and Changing Practice. These modules will develop knowledge of long-term conditions, medication management, mentorship, service improvement and nursing interventions.

How will the apprenticeship be delivered?

The Nursing Associate will undertake a variety of placements. For some specialist/smaller organisations, apprentices may be required to undertake placements in a neighbouring organisation. The University of Salford will deliver the academic aspect of the programme. Nursing Associates will work clinically for 30 hours (pro rata part-time) and attend University for 7.5 hours per week.

How will the apprenticeship be assessed?

Throughout the apprenticeship, apprentices will be assessed in both clinical placements and in the University. Assessment will take place via a range of methods including; practice assessments, essays, objective structured clinical exam (OSCE), presentations and viva examinations.

All apprentices will need to complete an End Point Assessment (EPA) as part of their apprenticeship. This can only be taken once the Level 5 Foundation Degree has been completed successfully. The EPA comprises of an observation including question and answer session as necessary and a professional discussion.

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