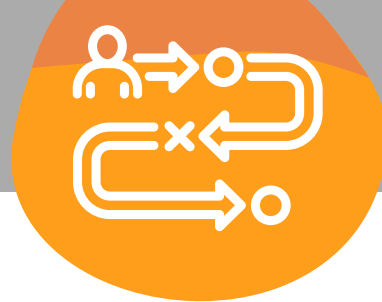


APPLYING FOR A HEALTHCARE SUPPORT WORKER APPRENTICESHIP



1 What will I do as an apprentice?

As a Healthcare support worker (HCSWs) you will work as part of a team providing high quality and compassionate care to individuals. You will carry out well-defined routine clinical duties like monitoring an individual's conditions (by checking things like blood pressure, temperature or weight), and checking on their overall progress, comfort and wellbeing.

2 What do I need to get in?

There are no entry requirements to the apprenticeship but employers may run their own selection process. If you don't have Level 1 English and Maths, you will need to achieve this level and take the test for Level 2 English and Maths prior to completing your apprenticeship.

3 How do I apply?

Apprenticeships in the NHS are often advertised on the NHS Jobs website where you can also sign up to receive updates and make applications. [Click here](#) to search for apprenticeship vacancies in the NHS or check local press.

4 How much will I get paid?

Pay is determined locally. There is a national minimum wage for apprentices, pay may be higher but cannot be lower than this. Read more about apprentice pay [here](#).

6 Do I have to take any exams at the end of the apprenticeship?

You will have to show that you are competent to do the job at the end of the apprenticeship, this will be through a multiple choice test, an observation of practice, a portfolio and an interview. You will have to meet the 15 standards required by the Care Quality Commission as set out in the Care Certificate.

5 How will I be trained?

You will receive training at work where you will be supervised and should be supported by a mentor. You will also receive training away from the workplace which could be at college.

Level 2

12-18 months

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Skills and personal characteristics needed



Caring and kind

Cheerful and friendly

Willing to do personal care tasks (washing, toileting, etc)

Willing to be hands-on with patients

Able to follow instructions and procedures

Able to work in a team but use their own initiative