

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST (DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP

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APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW



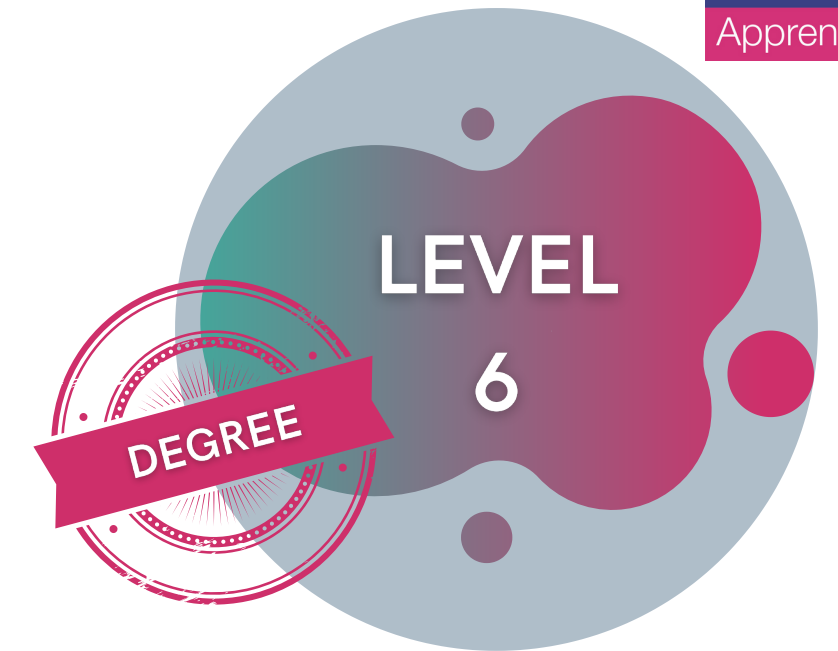
Occupational Therapists work with individuals from birth to end of life including those with physical and mental health conditions, injury, learning disabilities, long-term conditions, palliative care needs and with those who find themselves displaced from their societies.

Occupational Therapists work to enable people to participate in meaningful occupations and activities of everyday life.

STANDARD



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Entry requirements

The employer, in partnership with the university, will determine the selection criteria for apprentices. Typically they will require 3 A levels or an equivalent Access to Higher Education qualification.

Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to completing the end-point assessment.

Qualifications

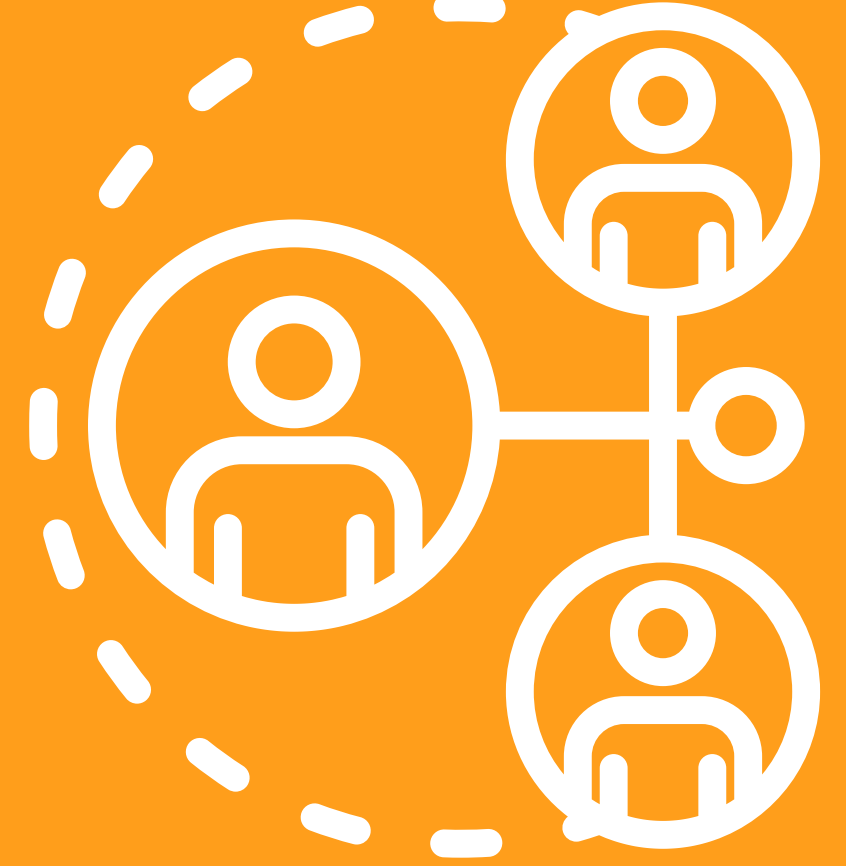
Apprentices will be required to complete a BSc (Hons) degree in Occupational Therapy or Level 7 qualification approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and accredited by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) where the apprentice already holds a Level 6 degree.

All apprentices must also pass the apprenticeship end-point assessment.

REGULATOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

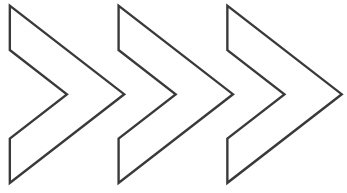
Occupational Therapy is a profession regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). The HCPC sets out the standards of proficiency which every Occupational Therapist must meet in order to become registered.

Once registered, Occupational Therapists must continue to meet the standards of proficiency that are relevant to their scope of practice - the areas of their profession in which they have the knowledge and skills to practise safely and effectively.



On successful completion of an approved programme, apprentices are eligible to apply to the HCPC for registration as an Occupational Therapist, which is a requirement to practice under the protected title of Occupational Therapist.

Occupational Therapists may become a member of a professional body like the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT).



Training Provider

All providers who want to deliver apprenticeship training must be on the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP). Employers must choose a provider from the Register.

Providers must meet a clear set of criteria in order to be included on the Register. These include financial health, capacity/capability and quality criteria. If a provider does not meet these criteria they will not be included on the Register.

[Click here](#) for a list of registered providers for the Occupational Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship.

Employers can also apply to the RoATP to become an employer provider, find out more [here](#).



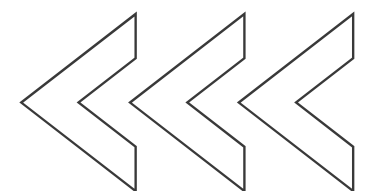
End point assessment

As part of their apprenticeship, apprentices will have to complete end-point assessment.

The end-point assessment organisation will assess the apprentice in line with the Occupational Therapist (Degree) End-point Assessment Plan. This ensures that all apprentices are assessed holistically to a consistent standard at the end of their apprenticeship.

Organisations offering end-point assessment will need to be registered on the Register of End-Point Assessment Organisations (RoEPAO). As a degree apprenticeship, the end-point assessment for Occupational Therapy apprentices is integrated into the degree. This means that the end-point assessment organisation will be the university.

[Click here](#) for a list of EPAOs registered for the Occupational Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship.



APPLYING AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

Candidates interested in applying for the Occupational Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship should visit [NHS Jobs](#), [Find an Apprenticeship website](#) and the [Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers](#). It may also be worth contacting training providers directly to make enquiries about the apprenticeships they offer.

Occupational Therapy apprentices will be over 18 and may earn more than the minimum apprenticeship wage. Pay is determined locally so whilst it may be higher, it cannot be lower than this amount. [Click here](#) for more information on apprentice pay.

Once qualified Occupational Therapists in the NHS will typically earn between £24k - £30k. With experience and further training, Occupational Therapists can progress to senior clinician or head of occupational therapy services in the NHS or go into general health or social services management.

There is also opportunity to go into private practice, education or research. And with significant experience, there is potential to become a consultant occupational therapist in a senior clinical leadership role with the highest level of clinical responsibility.



Case studies and resources



Lynette Evans - Occupational Therapy apprentice

“I have never studied an apprenticeship before but there is so much support from my work colleagues and the university.”

+ More case studies



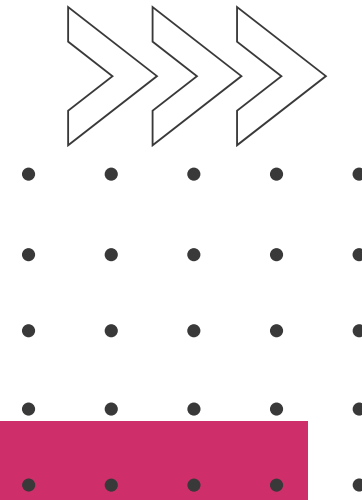
The HASO website has tools designed to help employers embed their apprenticeships, see resources below:

Toolkit - The toolkit is designed to support employers through the process, end to end, from setting out employers organisational strategy right through to when the apprentices are in the workplace.

Pathways tool - The pathways tool can be used to view different roles and how to move from one apprenticeship occupation to another.

Costing Calculator tool - The calculator tool can be used to work out the potential cost of delivering apprenticeships.

ABOUT HASO



Health Education England sponsors the [Healthcare Apprenticeship Standards Online \(HASO\)](#) website. The website is hosted by Skills for Health and provides the health sector in England with a wide range of apprenticeship resources to train staff in clinical and non-clinical roles.

Apprenticeship standards are developed by employer-led Trailblazer groups in line with policy outlined by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. Health Education England sponsors Skills for Health to facilitate a range of these employer groups. This standard was developed by a trailblazer group sponsored by Health Education England and facilitated by Skills for Health.

Skills for Health is facilitating the development of several other apprenticeship standards for use in the health sector.

