

## Edge Hill University



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<b>First cohort start date:</b>	Sept 2024 (onboarding from May 2024)	<b>Cohort size:</b>	20 - 25
<b>Number of cohorts per year:</b>	1	<b>Length of course:</b>	30 months
<b>Scope of delivery:</b>		Regional	
<b>Delivery methods:</b>		Blended learning – 1 day a week teaching delivered remotely with 2-4 weeks a year on campus (Edge Hill Campus at Ormskirk and/or Clinical Skills facilities at Aintree or Alder Hey)	
<b>Number of academic hours covered by self-directed study:</b>		1 day per week	
<b>Proportion of practice hours and academic hours required:</b>		3:1 Practice 3 days per week Academic one day per week	
<b>Is a direct entry PA programme already offered?</b>		Yes	
<b>If so, will Apprenticeship cohorts share tuition with direct entry PA cohorts?</b>		Yes	
<b>If all employer partners committed to rotation of placements, would the university coordinate placements for the cohort?</b>		Yes	
<b>Application process</b>			
<p>Initial application will be through the employer. The employer will advertise from within their organisation to inform potential applicants of the opportunity and explore entry requirements with potential applicants.</p> <p>Edge Hill University will jointly vet all applicants with the employer and jointly interview to agree those who are suitable for the course. When further development may be required Edge Hill University will work with employers to upskill staff.</p>			
<b>Entry requirements</b>			

An honours degree in a bioscience or health related subject is typically expected. The minimum entry degree requirement accepted is 2:2, along with a minimum of GCSE English and Maths at grade C, or 4, or above or equivalent. Functional skills at level 2 are accepted. A lower degree level or diploma may be accepted when there is evidence of substantive employment as a health care professional and registration with a professional body, with evidence of professional training postgraduation. Entry requirements are subject to review during the validation of the programme.

#### **APEL process and support**

We allow a maximum of 50% RPEL. Applicants will be supported to submit, through a digital portal, evidence to apply for RPEL alongside an apprenticeship skills scan. This information will be assessed and discussed to determine the level of RPEL.