

### HEI Entry Criteria

Programme Provider	Start date	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PA Apprenticeship – Programme Entry criteria</b></p> <p><i>Note : All candidates meeting the entry criteria will be subject to an interview process with the employer and HEI. Successful candidates will require references, DBS clearance and OH screening to commence the programme.</i></p>
University of Greenwich	Sep-23	<p>Apprentices will normally have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bioscience-related first degree, or</li> <li>• be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a Nurse or Midwife, or</li> <li>• be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council as an Allied Healthcare Professional</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, apprentices will need to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2 English &amp; Maths</li> <li>• If educated in a language other than English and/or in a country where English speakers are in a minority, apprentices should have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 or an equivalent rating in another Secure English Language Test</li> </ul>
Keele University	Sep-23	<p>The recommended minimum entry requirements for Level 7 entry to the programme are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2:1 classification in a science or health care related degree</li> <li>• English and Maths at Level 5/6 (B) GCSE</li> </ul> <p>We normally require applicants to evidence the above qualifications before starting the apprenticeship. Applications are welcomed from those with qualifications equivalent to the above. Relevant or prior experience will be taken into account when considering a candidate's suitability for the programme.</p>
University of East London	Jan-24	<p>Entry requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a bioscience-related first degree at 2:2 or above or being a Nursing and Midwifery Council Registered Nurse or Midwife, or a Health and Care Professions Council Registered Allied Healthcare Professional</li> <li>• documented healthcare experience</li> </ul>
Queen Mary, University of London	Jan-24	<p>All applicants will be graduates.</p> <p>UK graduates :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All candidates must have a BSc (Honors) in a Life Sciences, Biomedical or Health Profession Degree. This will usually be a bachelor's degree or may be a four-year Masters, but the latter only if it is a first degree. The minimum academic entry requirement is a second class honours (2:2 minimum)</li> <li>• If an applicant is offered place, he/she must have completed this degree prior to enrolment</li> <li>• Candidates whose native language is not English will need to provide evidence of their English language ability</li> </ul>

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University of Plymouth	Jan-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants must also have evidence of English and Maths at level 2 or equivalent</li> </ul> <p>Additional requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recognised first degree (2:1 or above) in a life science, biomedical science, or healthcare subject,</li> <li>• or current healthcare professionals educated to honours degree level (2:1 or above)</li> <li>• To be accompanied by a minimum period of 2 weeks consecutive clinical setting exposure. Relevant 'on course' placement experience would count towards this exposure target. Alternatively, experience of working in a setting with customer contact, and 10 days clinical attachment experience in a hospital or general practice setting would also be considered.</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recognised first degree (2:2 or above) in a life science, biomedical science, or healthcare subject or current healthcare professionals educated to honours degree level (2:2 or above)</li> <li>• To be accompanied by a minimum period of 12 consecutive months clinical setting exposure. Relevant 'on course' placement experience could count towards this exposure target. If the award is &gt;5years old then we would expect evidence of recent academic study or completion of an academic qualifying essay. For a full list of considered professions please visit the programme website. Applications from non-standard applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the programme team</li> </ul>

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Edge Hill University	Sep-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An honours degree in a bioscience or health related subject is typically expected. The minimum entry degree requirement accepted is 2:</li> <li>Candidates must also demonstrate a minimum of GCSE English and Maths at grade C, or 4, or above or equivalent</li> <li>Functional skills at level 2 are accepted</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
University of Central Lancashire	Sep-24	<p>Typically, entry requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a bioscience-related first degree or being a Nursing and Midwifery Council Registered Nurse or Midwife, or a Health and Care Professions Council Registered Allied Healthcare Professional</li> <li>applicants with substantial relevant experience will be considered</li> <li>Non-standard qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis</li> <li>A postgraduate qualification in merit or distinction may be considered if the applicant's first degree is lower than a second class award</li> <li>Applicants must have GCSE passes in English and Maths at Grade 4 or above, or equivalent</li> <li>If English is not the first language, English language IELTS 7.0 (or equivalent) will be required in each of the testing areas (listening, reading, writing and speaking)</li> <li>As this is a Level 7 programme there is an expectation of minimum level Maths and English. If further support is needed, we have numeracy skills as part of our prescribing content and a specialised WISER team for academic writing support</li> </ul>
University of Derby	Sep-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, candidates will hold an Honours degree in a biosciences or health-related subject (2:1 or higher preferred). Exact entry requirements will be discussed with employers as part of programme / apprenticeship development. Prior learning (work experience, education, training, qualifications) will be considered for applicants who do not meet the standard entry criteria</li> <li>Level 2 Maths and English is an apprenticeship requirement - candidates must have evidence of either GCSE Maths and English (Grade C or 4 or above) or functional skills</li> <li>For candidates that cannot evidence this, we will support them to attain the qualification through our online functional skills courses</li> <li>Alternatively, they can be sign posted to a local college to be supported with face-to-face learning if that is preferred. The candidate can then start with the next available cohort once the qualification has been attained</li> </ul>
University of Worcester	Sep-24	Minimum requirements:

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Sheffield Hallam University	Mar-25	Exact details tbc, but in line with the above