



ARTS THERAPIST (DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP

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APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW



Arts Therapists work in a range of settings such as the NHS, local authorities, voluntary, or private sector, hospitals, clinics, education, shelters, hospices, or prisons.

They use art, drama or music to therapeutically improve service users' mental and physical health and wellbeing. Arts therapists are both artists in their chosen field and psychological therapists

[STANDARD](#)



[EPA](#)



LEVEL
7

DURATION
24 MONTHS

REFERENCE
ST0633

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Entry requirements

Apprentices will need to be proficient in art, drama or music before applying to this apprenticeship eg holding a degree or with experiential equivalence. In order to meet the HCPC requirements apprentices must be able to communicate in English to the standard equivalent to level 7 of the International English Language Testing System, with no element below 6.5, prior to entering the degree programme.

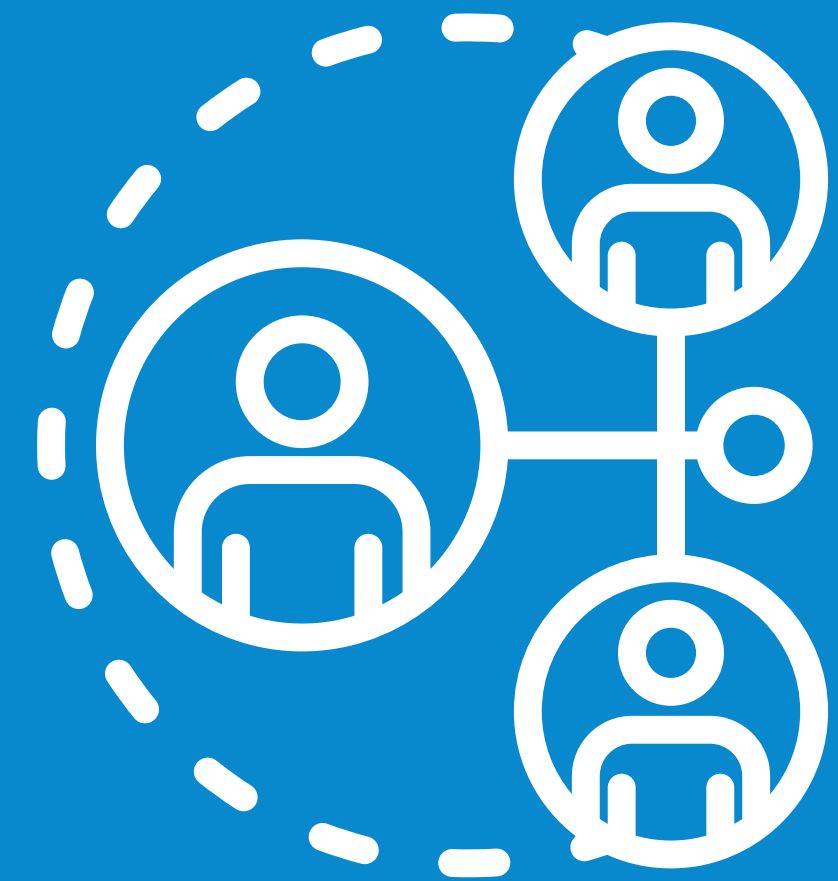
Qualifications

Apprentices will be required to complete a Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) accredited MSc/MA in either Art Therapy/Art Psychotherapy, Dramatherapy or Music Therapy.

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

Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the End-Point Assessment.

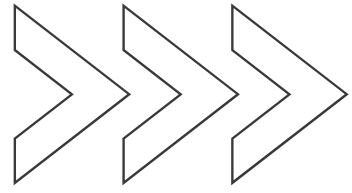
REGULATOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES



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

Once registered, Arts 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 Arts Therapist, which is a requirement to practice under the protected title of Arts Therapist.



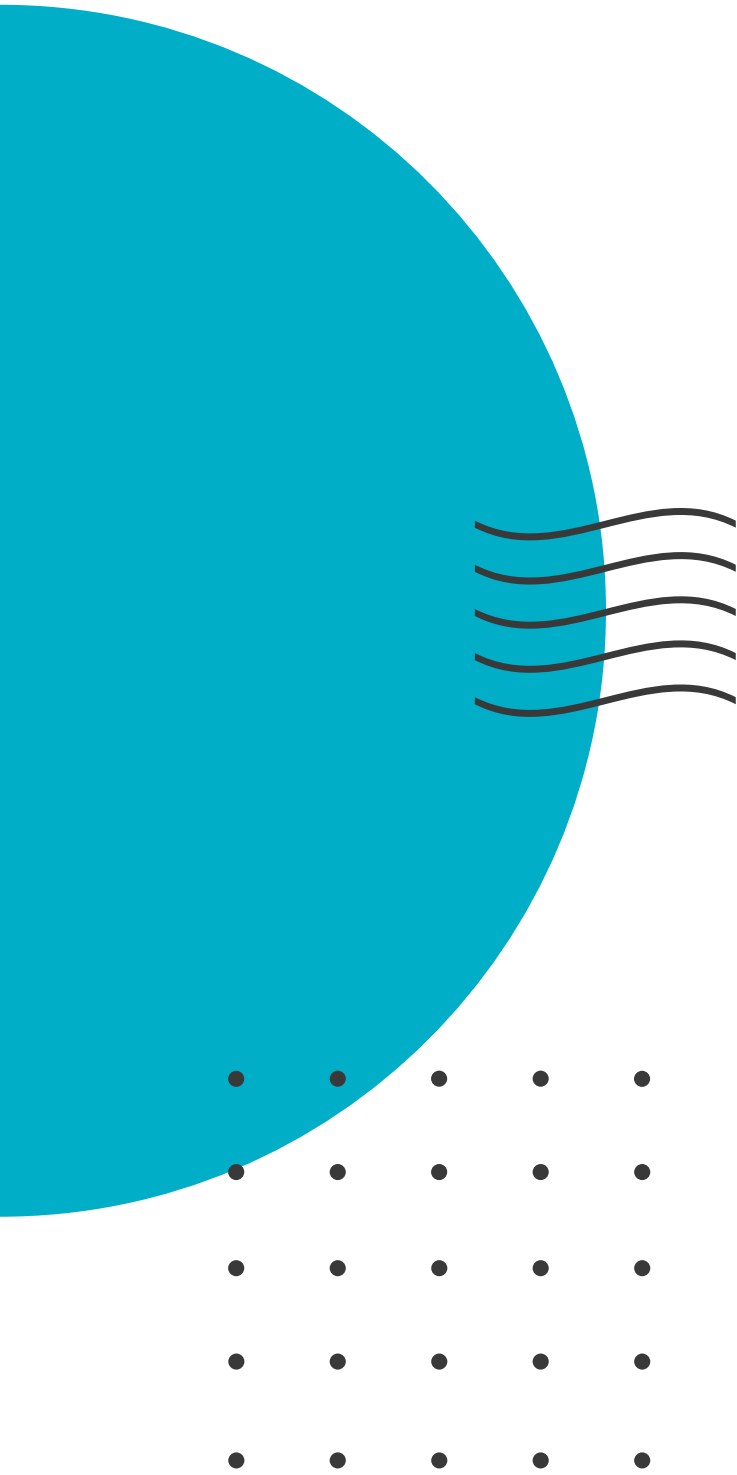
Training Provider

All providers who want to deliver apprenticeship training must be on the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register (APAR). 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 Arts Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship.

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



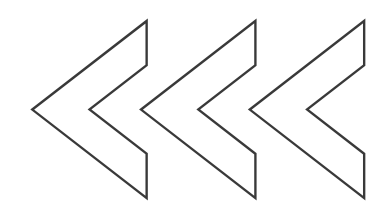
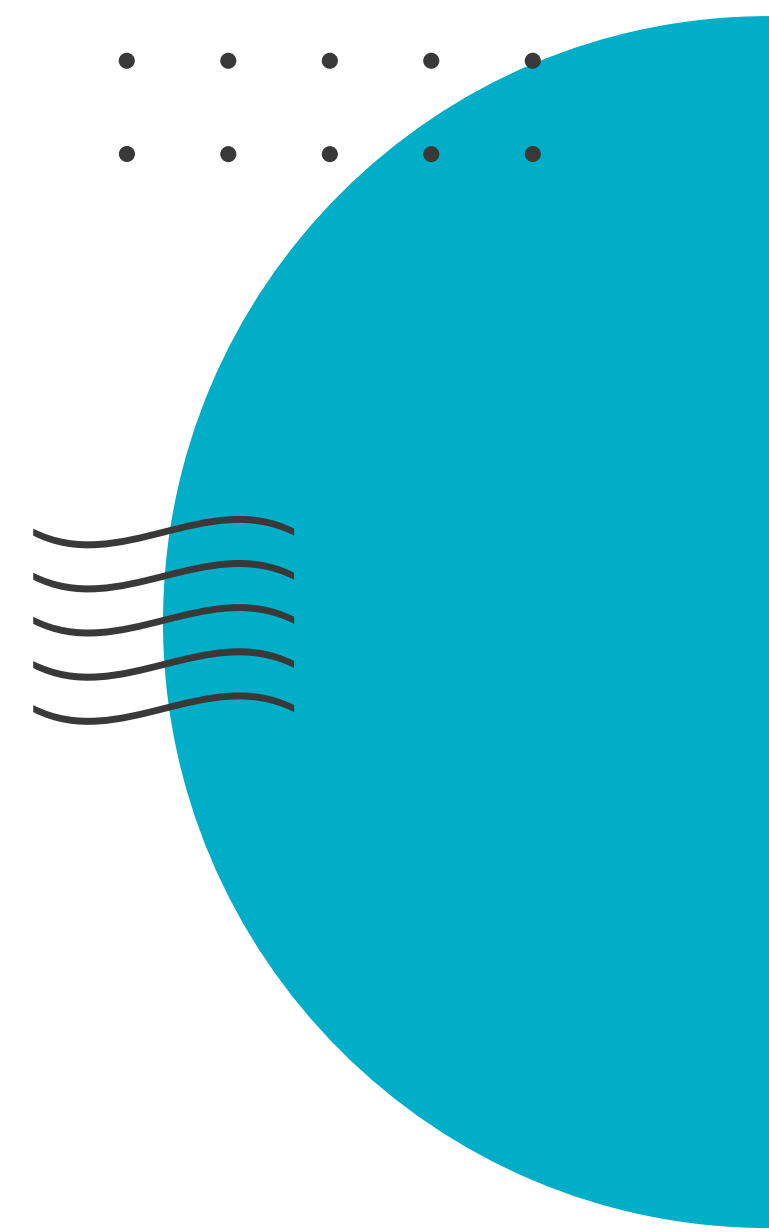
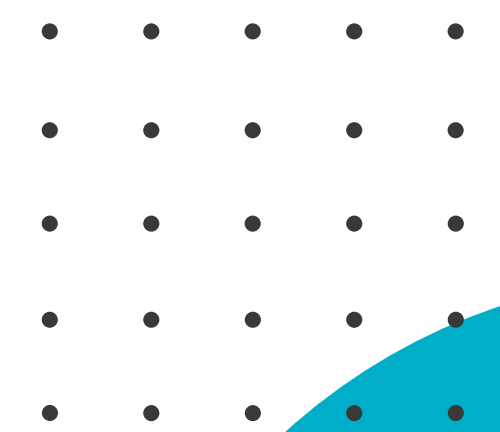
End point assessment

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

The end-point assessment organisation will assess the apprentice in line with the Arts 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 Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register (APAR). As a degree apprenticeship, the end-point assessment for Arts Therapist 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 Arts Therapist (Degree) apprenticeship.



APPLYING AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

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

Arts Therapist apprentices will be adults 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 Arts Therapists will typically start at band 6 of the [Agenda for Change pay rates](#). With experience, Arts Therapists may be able to become a senior or consultant art therapist, managing the work of a team of therapists.

Some art therapists complete further training and specialise in areas such as working with families or people with a diagnosis of personality disorders.



Case studies and resources



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[Meet the Chairs of the Arts Therapist Trailblazer Group - Stephen Sandford and Tim Wright](#)
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The HASO website has tools designed to help employers embed their apprenticeships, see resources below:

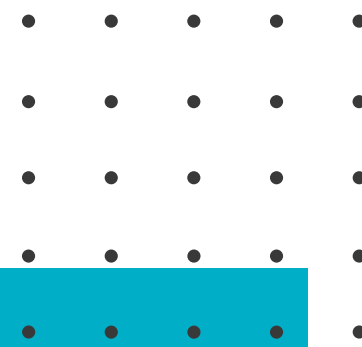
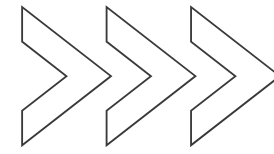
[Toolkit](#) - The toolkit is designed to support employers through the process, end to end, from setting out employers organisational strategy right through to when the apprentices are in the workplace.

[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



NHS England (formerly 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. NHS England (formerly 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 NHS 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.



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