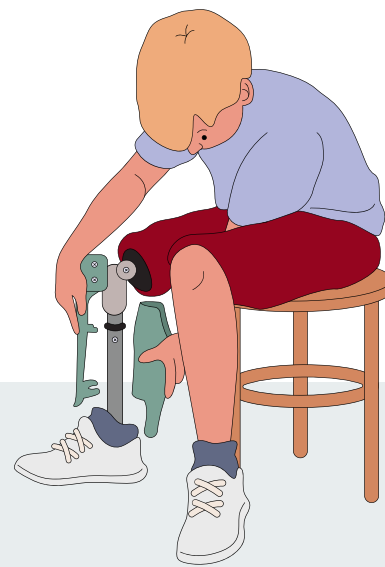
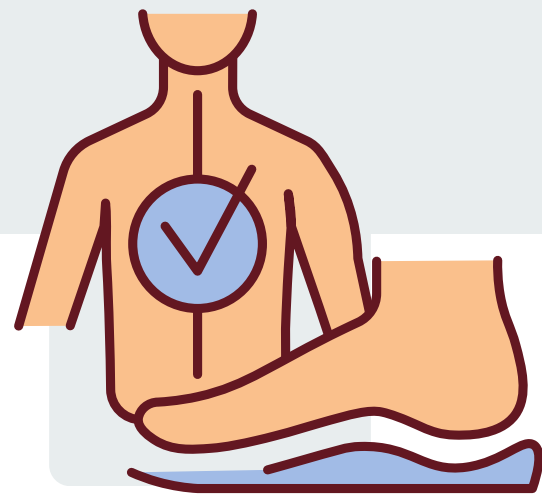


PROSTHETIST AND ORTHOTIST (INTEGRATED DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP



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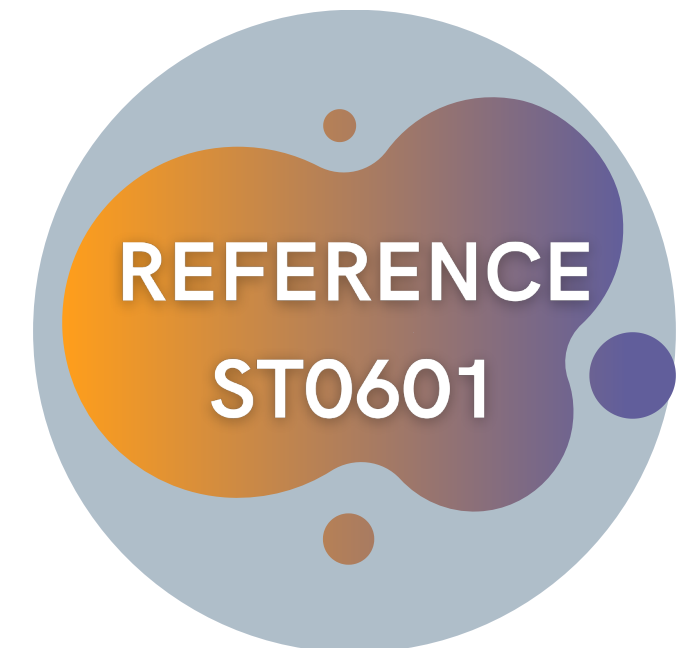
A Prosthetist/Orthotist is a registered clinician. This unique occupation provides the opportunity to practice in two areas of healthcare. Most will specialise in Prosthetics or Orthotics; a small number continue in both.

Prosthetists provide gait (walking) analysis and engineering solutions to patients with limb(s) loss. Orthotists provide gait (walking) analysis and engineering solutions to patients with problems of the neuro, muscular and skeletal systems.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Entry requirements

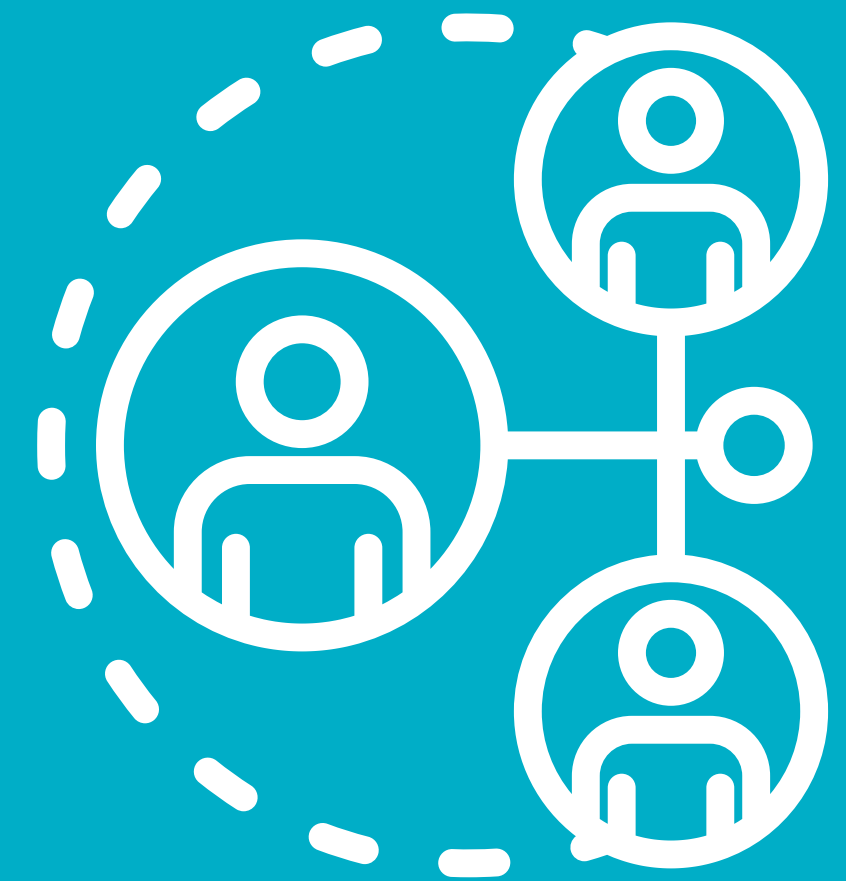
Apprentices will have to meet the entry requirements set by the university. They must also have achieved Level 2 English and maths prior to starting this apprenticeship.

Qualifications

Apprentices will be required to complete a Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) approved BSc (Hons) programme in prosthetics and orthotics.

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

REGULATOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

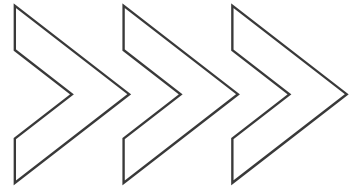


Prosthetist / Orthotist is a profession regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). The HCPC sets out the standards of proficiency which every Prosthetist / Orthotist must meet in order to become registered.

Once registered, Prosthetists / Orthotists 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 a Prosthetist / Orthotist, which is a requirement to practice under the protected title of Prosthetist / Orthotist.

Prosthetists / Orthotists may become a member of a professional body like British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists (BAPO).



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 Prosthetist and Orthotist (Integrated Degree) apprenticeship.

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



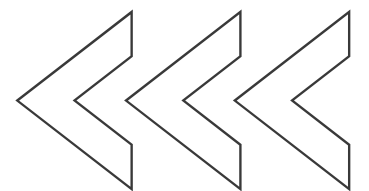
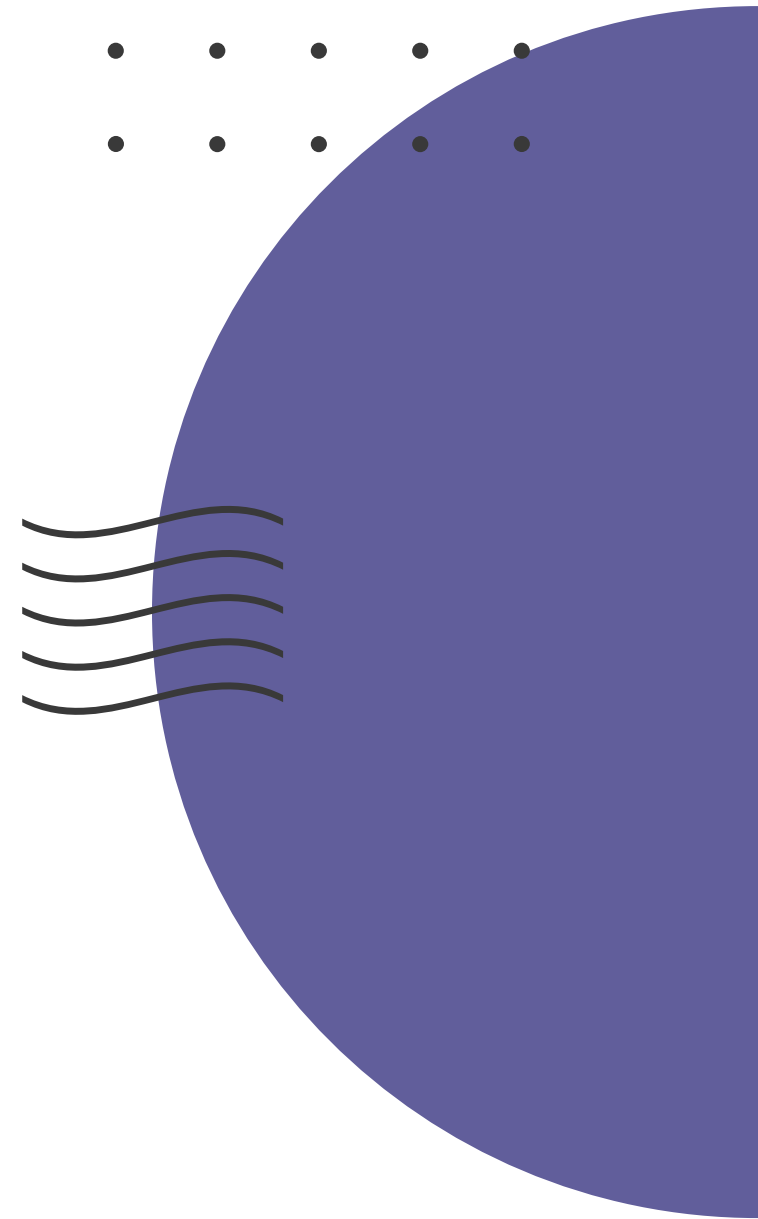
End point assessment

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


The end-point assessment organisation will assess the apprentice in line with the Prosthetist and Orthotist (Integrated 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 & Assessment Register (APAR). As a degree apprenticeship, the end-point assessment for Prosthetist and Orthotist (Integrated Degree) apprentices is integrated into the degree. This means that the end-point assessment organisation will be the university.

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APPLYING AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

 Candidates interested in applying for the Prosthetist and Orthotist (Integrated 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.

Prosthetist and Orthotist (Integrated Degree) 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 Prosthetists and Orthotists in the NHS will typically earn £25,655 (AfC Band 5). With experience and further training, Prosthetists and Orthotists may choose to specialise in sports injury, diabetes, neurological conditions, or working with children. Teaching, research and management are other career pathways.



Case studies and resources



“"We are proud of the collaboration, participation and contribution of all the trailblazer group members."”



More case studies

Michael O'Byrne & Juliet Sturgess
Co-chairs of the Prosthetist & Orthotist Trailblazer Group.



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



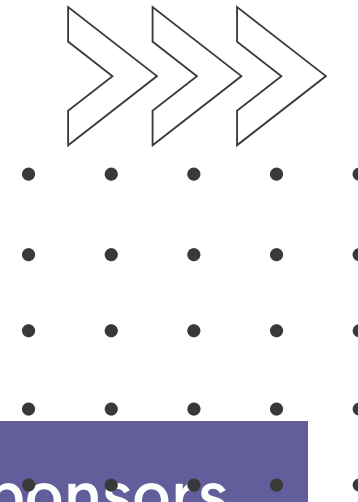
Toolkit - The toolkit is designed to support employers through the process, end to end, from setting out employers organisational strategy right through to when the apprentices are in the workplace.

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 (formerly 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.

