

Healthcare

Apprenticeships

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHER (DEGREE) APPRENTICESHIP



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APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW



Diagnostic Radiographers are registered healthcare professionals who provide patient care by obtaining images of a high diagnostic quality using a range of high cost and complex imaging equipment.

Diagnostic Radiographers work independently to assess, authorise, obtain consent and undertake individual examination requests for radiography procedures.

STANDARD



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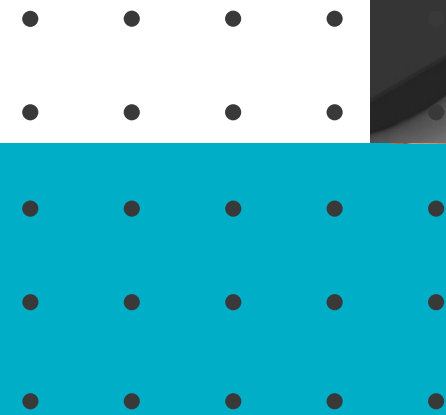


ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Entry requirements

The employer, in partnership with the university, will determine the selection criteria for apprentices.

All degree apprentices are required to complete English and maths level 2 prior to completing their apprenticeship. However, English and maths will often be included in the entry requirements and so applicants will need to have completed English and Maths before they start their apprenticeship.

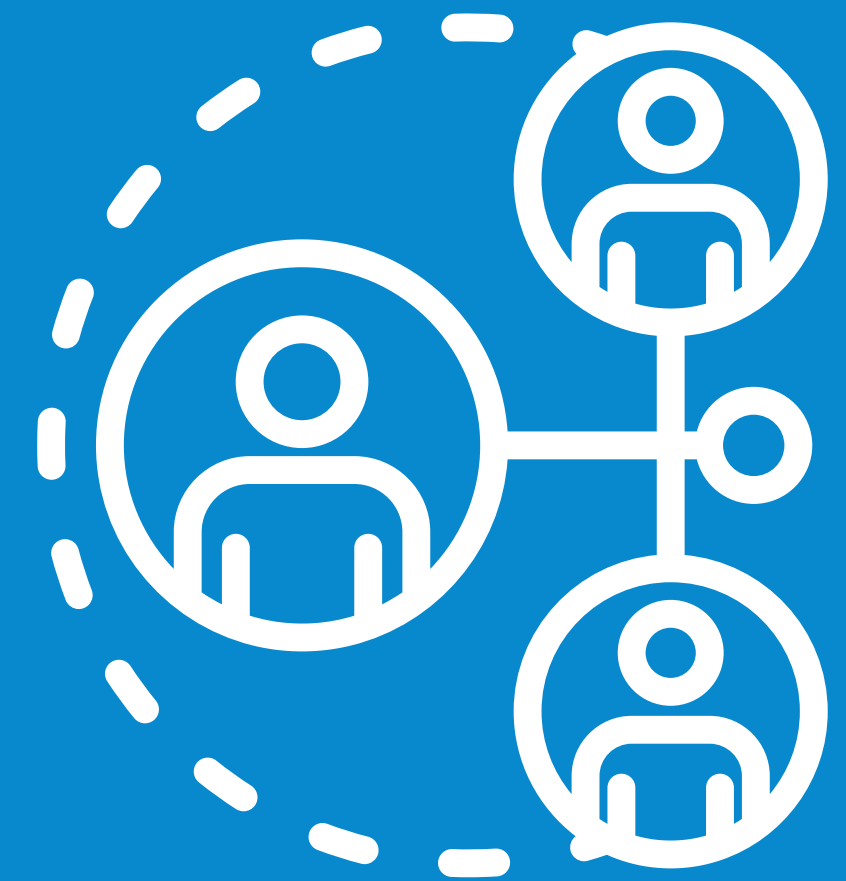


Qualifications

Apprentices will be required to complete a Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) approved BSc (Hons) in Diagnostic Radiography or (where the apprentice already holds a level 6 honours degree) a pre-registration MSc in Diagnostic Radiography.

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

REGULATOR AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES

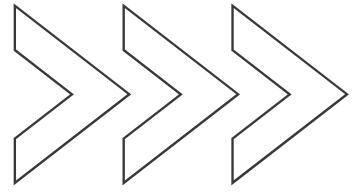


Diagnostic Radiographer is a profession regulated by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). The HCPC sets out the standards of proficiency which every Diagnostic Radiographer must meet in order to become registered.

Once registered, Diagnostic Radiographers 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 Diagnostic Radiographer, which is a requirement to practice under the protected title of Diagnostic Radiographer.

Diagnostic Radiographers may become a member of a professional body like The Society of Radiographers (SoR).



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 Diagnostic Radiographer (Degree) apprenticeship.

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



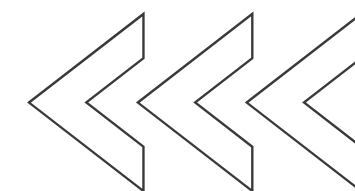
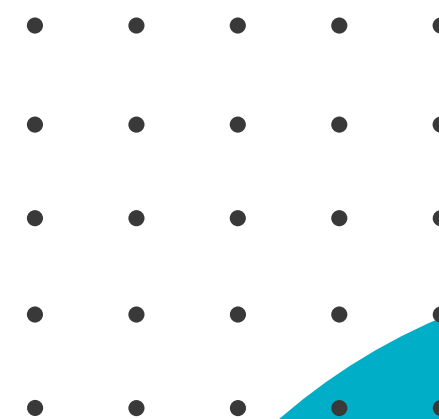
End point assessment

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 Diagnostic Radiographer (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 Diagnostic Radiography 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 Diagnostic Radiographer (Degree) apprenticeship.



APPLYING AND PROGRESSION ROUTES

Candidates interested in applying for the Diagnostic Radiographer (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.

Diagnostic Radiography 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 Diagnostic Radiographers will typically earn between £24k - £30k. With experience, Diagnostic Radiographers may be able to progress and specialise in a particular type of imaging such as computerised tomography scanning or sonography.

There is also opportunity to specialise in working with children, stroke patients or cancer patients as well as research and teaching.



Case studies and resources



“After recovering from cancer ten years ago, I decided to join the NHS, having been inspired by the people that had cared for me.”

Chris Shaw - Diagnostic Radiographer apprentice



More case studies

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

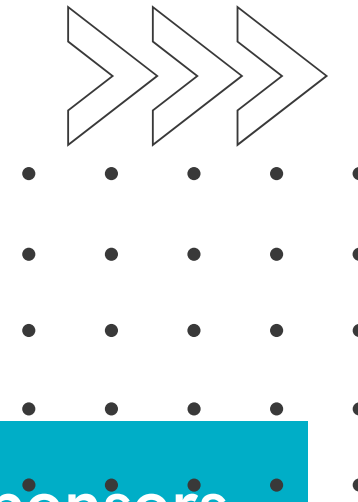
[Long-Term Workforce Plan Hub](#) - Designed to support employers through the process, end to end, from setting out employers organisational strategy right through to when the apprentices are in the workplace.

[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.

