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First cohort start date:	Sept. 2024	Cohort size:	tbc
Number of cohorts per year:	1	Length of course:	30 months
Scope of delivery:		National	
Delivery methods:		Blended learning within the Apprentice's employing locality. Where students are placed locally to Plymouth some learning may take place on University sites.	
Number of academic hours covered by self-directed study:		tbc	
Proportion of practice hours and academic hours required:		130 weeks, totalling 4875 hrs including all learning time and annual leave, to include approx 1600 hours in placement, 1600 hours of training time, and approx 1400 hours of 'on the job' training.	
Is a direct entry PA programme already offered?		Yes	
If so, will Apprenticeship cohorts share tuition with direct entry PA cohorts?		tbc	
If all employer partners committed to rotation of placements, would the university coordinate placements for the cohort?		tbc	
Application process			
The Physician Associate Apprenticeship programme team and Central Apprenticeship Hub (CAH) will work closely with employers to agree an accessible and flexible application and registration process. Employers should initially contact the Central Apprenticeship Hub and the CAH apprenticeship Recruitment and Admissions (R&A) team will be their point of contact throughout the recruitment process.			

Once contacted, the R&A team will forward the Initial Needs Assessment (INA) form to the applicant within 48 hours. The completed INA will be assessed by the Programme Lead: the employer and applicant will be advised of the outcome within 10 working days.

The next stage will be an academic interview, arranged and undertaken within at 15 working days. On successful completion of the interview the applicant will then be required to undertake initial compliance checks which will take a further 10 working days to complete. Assuming successful checks, a formal offer made after receipt of completed forms. Assuming prompt responses from the applicant and employer, the process can be completed within 8 working weeks.

The deadline for applications will be at the end of June.

Entry requirements

A recognised first degree (2:1 or above) in a life science, biomedical science, or healthcare subject or current healthcare professionals educated to honours degree level (2:1 or above).

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.

Or

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).

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 >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. If you wish to be considered for admission, and have a significant level of healthcare experience, but do not fulfil the criteria above, please contact the admissions team to discuss this further.

Applicants must also have evidence of English and Maths at level 2 or equivalent.

APEL process and support

See university website