



The Course

In brief...

Assistant Practitioners work as part of the wider health and social care team and have direct contact with patients, service users or clients providing high quality and compassionate care.

Who is it for?

Staff who work at a level above that of Healthcare Support Workers and have a more in-depth understanding about factors that influence health and ill-health (e.g. anatomy and physiology). Examples of common work activities include assisting in total patient assessment, coordination of care (including referrals to other practitioners) and higher clinical skills such as catheterisation, wound care and discharge planning. Assistant Practitioners can be found working in a range of areas such as Cancer Services, Physiotherapy, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Orthopaedics, Hospice Care, Mental Health, Social Care, Community, Occupational Therapy, Learning Disabilities as well as hybrid roles that cross traditional occupational areas. Assistant Practitioners will therefore develop additional skills and knowledge based on their employer's requirements depending on the clinical or professional area within which they are working.

## Key Information

**Duration**

2 Years

**Attendance**

Apprenticeship

**Level**

Level 5

**Qualification Name**

Apprenticeship Standard

**Awarding Body**

City & Guilds

**Curriculum Area**

Science, Care, Health and Foundation - Health

What the Course Leads to

What courses can I do after this?

What do I need to apply

To do this course you should have...

L3 NVQ / QCF Diploma in health or Health and Social care

Maths and English - Functional skills at I2 or a GCSE grade A-C

Care Certificate

Preferably: Certificate in Bridging Skills for HE

Work in line with *The Code of Conduct for Healthcare Support Workers and Adult Social Care Workers in England*.

Course costs

Course Code	Start Date	Costs 16-18	Costs 19-23 (with concessions)	Costs 19+ (no concessions)
BP20003	Various	TBC	TBC	TBC

\* Please note fees are subject to change.

Costs

Funding Band 10 - £12,000

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Learners complete the City and Guilds L5 Assistant Practitioner as part of this Apprenticeship.

Learners must achieve a minimum 108 credits from 14 mandatory units, covering:

- Safeguarding of children and young people
- Professional Development
- Working in partnership
- The structure, function and organisation of the human body
- Promoting communication
- Championing equality, diversity and inclusion
- Leading and managing Infection prevention and control
- Developing policies procedures and practices for health and safety and risk management
- Managing quality
- Undertaking a research project
- Supporting others to undertake assessment of health and wellbeing of individuals
- Promoting effective nutrition and fluid balance
- Principles and philosophy of healthcare
- Lifespan developments and healthcare needs
- Principles and application of physiological measurements
- In addition, they will need to complete 12 credits from two groups of optional units.

#### Next Steps ...

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