

# HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER

## LEVEL 5

**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. Assistant Practitioners 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.

### DURATION

18-24 months.

### MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS

- You may be required to take Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT
- Care certificate

### WHAT DOES THE QUALIFICATION COVER?

Examples of common work activities include:

- Assisting in total patient assessment
- coordination of care (including referrals to other practitioners)
- 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.

### END POINT ASSESSMENT

The apprentice will be tested upon completion of their apprenticeship . The purpose of the end point assessment is to test the skills, knowledge and behaviours of the apprentice as set out in the apprenticeship standard.

The end point assessment provides apprentices with a showcase opportunity to provide oral and documentary evidence of their knowledge, skills and behaviours developed throughout the apprenticeship

Enables the independent assessor to assess the skills and behaviours of the apprentice by observing the apprentice in the course of their normal work

Tests the knowledge acquired by the apprentice throughout the apprenticeship.

The end point assessment includes the following components: A multiple choice and short answer test , an observation of practice undertaken in the workplace and a reflective journal completed by the apprentice and an interview.

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