

Pharmacy

Apprenticeship

Level 3

An apprenticeship can be a smart, cost-effective way of taking on a new recruit to work in your Pharmacy, or to train up an existing member of staff.

This apprenticeship will prepare your trainee for working in either a hospital or community pharmacy as a registered Pharmacy Technician. Duties will vary depending on the setting, but may include selling over-the-counter medicines under supervision, dispensing prescriptions, generating labels, Aseptic production, ordering and storing pharmaceutical stock, and providing information on symptoms and products to customers.

At the end of the apprenticeship, your trainee will be able to work as a competent Pharmacy Technician in your team and should be in a position to develop more advanced skills.

Key Areas of Study

Your trainee will study for two vocational qualifications as part of their apprenticeship: BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science; NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills.

Your apprentice will cover essential knowledge, skills and competencies in both the BTEC certificate and the NVQ, together with some optional units. The menu of mandatory and optional units is detailed below from which you and your apprentice can select the areas of most importance to your organisation.

Quick Information:

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Sector:

Healthcare

Who is it for?

New recruits or existing staff

Start date:

January, June, September

Level:

Level 3

Duration:

Minimum 24 months

How does it work?

Provided the trainee is employed on a full-time contract, the programme is delivered in your workplace with supporting study at College and tutor visits every 6 to 8 weeks

Content:

Key competence and knowledge to suit your organisation

Assessment:

Work-based assessments, written assignments and Assessor observations

Qualification:

BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science; NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Pharmacy Service Skills



BTEC Diploma units

Mandatory units only

- Chemical Principles for Pharmacy Technicians
- Biological Principles for Pharmacy
- Microbiology for Pharmacy
- Human Physiology for Pharmacy
- Action and Uses of Medicines
- Gastrointestinal and Nutritional Medicines
- Cardio-Respiratory Medicines
- Central Nervous System Medicines and Anaesthesia
- Infections, Immunological Products and Vaccines
- Endocrine and Genito-Urinary Medicines
- Malignant Disease, Immunosuppressive and Musculoskeletal Medicines
- Eye, Ear, Nose and Dermatological Medicines
- Community Pharmacy Practice
- Professional Development in Pharmacy
- Communicating in Pharmacy
- Dispensing and Supply of Medicines
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacy Law, Ethics and Practice
- Making Medicines for Pharmacy

NVQ units

Mandatory units

- Ensure your own actions reduce risks to Health and Safety
- Provide an effective and responsive pharmacy service
- Process pharmaceutical queries
- Reflect on and develop your practice
- Receive prescriptions from individuals
- Confirm prescription validity
- Assemble prescribed items
- Issue prescribed items
- Prepare extemporaneous medicines for individual use
- Order pharmaceutical stock
- Receive pharmaceutical stock
- Maintain pharmaceutical stock
- Issue pharmaceutical stock
- Undertake an in-process accuracy check of assembled prescribed items prior to the final accuracy check

Optional units

Your trainee will study three optional units in addition to the mandatory, dependent on their role, selected from the following:

- Contribute to the effectiveness of teams
- Assist in the sale of medicines and products
- Prepare documentation, materials, components and other items for the preparation of aseptic products
- Provide advice on symptoms and the actions and uses of medicines
- Manufacture and assembly of medicinal products
- Prepare aseptic products and carry out in-process checking
- Prepare documentation, materials and other items for manufacture and assembly of medicinal products
- Check documentation, starting materials, components and other consumables for the production of aseptic products
- Provide an effective service in a setting outside of the pharmacy
- Assist in the supply of pharmaceutical appliances
- Process prescriptions for payment
- Prepare to conduct a review of an individual's medicines
- Enable learning through demonstrations and instructions

Training, Tutoring and Assessment

The whole programme takes 24 months to complete. Throughout the two-year period, your trainee will spend a minimum of 30 hours in your pharmacy with one day a week attendance at College and tutor visits every six to eight weeks.

Assessment is continuous throughout the course in the workplace. The apprentice will build a portfolio of evidence to support the tasks completed at the workplace to demonstrate they can complete tasks safely and use knowledge gained. There will also be written assignments and Assessor observations.

We will support you and your apprentice through regular one-to-one visits by a trained assessor every six to eight weeks. These visits will cover one-to-one support and individual learning, as well as observations to assess your apprentice's competencies in the workplace and a review of their portfolio of evidence.

Apprentice Entry Requirements

Apprentices will be required to have 5 GCSEs at A*-C / 4-9 including Double Science, English Language and Maths, prior to being accepted onto this apprenticeship. We will provide any English and Maths tuition required. Experience in the industry would be beneficial but is not essential.

Future/Other Opportunities

Eligibility to register as a qualified Pharmacy Technician with the General Pharmaceutical Council and apply for Pharmacy Technician posts in the Hospital and Community

More information

To find out more about the opportunities and financing of apprenticeships and to discuss your particular requirements, please email employer@sheffcol.ac.uk or call **0114 260 2600** to speak to one of our friendly employer advisors.

Why choose The Sheffield College?

As one of the region's largest providers of apprenticeships, The Sheffield College is more than just your local provider; we deliver the dedicated support you need to source, train and get the best out of your apprentice.

We appreciate how difficult and time consuming it can be to recruit staff. That's why, when you recruit an apprentice with us, our dedicated apprenticeship recruitment service, Job Connect, will advertise the vacancy, engage your candidates and even pre-screen them to make the process as easy as possible for you.

We help you get the best deal by finding the right funding and we handle the paperwork to make the process of arranging an apprenticeship training programme as smooth as possible. Our employer partnership team, apprenticeship tutors and assessment staff are experts, and we invest time and money in training and upskilling them regularly so their knowledge is up-to-date and industry standard.

At The Sheffield College we go above and beyond; we know that every business is different and we help to develop apprentices who will meet the needs of your business.

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