



# DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER

## Programme overview

Our Operating Department Practitioner Apprenticeship is a Level 6 degree programme delivered over 36 months. The programme combines university-based study alongside learning in the workplace. Work-based learning is adopted throughout the programme to ensure that a seamless connection is made by apprentices about how new knowledge attained from the programme can be put into their practice.

### Programme Aims

This programme will provide apprentices with the key knowledge and skills to prepare them to work within the Operating Department and associated areas. This includes working within a multi-disciplinary team providing high quality, individualised care for patients throughout their perioperative journey and beyond.

### Programme Modules

Programme content reflects the role and responsibilities of an Operating Department Practitioner as described in the related National Apprenticeship Standard. Apprentices will also be required to have completed the Care Certificate within the first three months of the programme, in line with the requirements of the apprenticeship standard.

#### Level Four

Year 1 will introduce apprentices to the role of the professional ODP firmly based on the HCPC regulations for standards of conduct, performance and ethics within the profession.

During this level, apprentices will be exposed to perioperative care in a variety of different contexts through a series of practice placements and this will enable the development of core perioperative skills required for working within the operating theatre environment.

##### Module Title

- Foundations of Perioperative Practice
- Applying Academic Skills to the Perioperative Environment
- Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology
- Engaging in Perioperative Practice.

#### Level Five

Year 2 is designed to enable apprentices to extend their perioperative knowledge and practice skills by a wider participation in the perioperative care of the patient. For example, to include recovery and specialist surgery and anaesthetics, including obstetrics (elective and non-elective).

##### Module Title

- Applied Anatomy and Physiology
- Developing within the Perioperative Environment
- Applying Evidence to Perioperative Care
- Expanding Skill within Perioperative Practice.

#### Level Six

Year 3 is designed to create a well-rounded practitioner that is fit for purpose based on the fundamentals gained to date. Knowledge is developed within the context of the role to ensure the apprentice achieves the key attributes expected for autonomous practice and independent thinking.

##### Module Title

- Coaching and supervision of others within the Perioperative Environment
- Leadership in Perioperative Practice
- Research in Operating Department Practice
- Creating Autonomous Practice
- End Point Assessment – Operating Department Practice.



## Blended Learning

Teaching and learning strategies employed within the programme reflect the nature of the learning experience for Operating Department Practitioner apprentices including:



Lectures



Seminars



Case studies



Directed Reading



Simulating learning



Virtual Learning Environment

## End Point Assessment

As part of the Apprenticeship Programme, apprentices will need to complete the End Point Assessment (EPA). The EPA is an assessment of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that have been learnt throughout the apprenticeship to ensure the apprentice meets the standard set by employers and is fully competent in the role as Operating Department Practitioner.

## Careers opportunities on successful completion of the Apprenticeship programme

Upon successful completion of Operating Department Practitioner Apprenticeship Programme, the apprentice will be awarded BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice and will be eligible to apply for HCPC registration. Once registered, a career is typically undertaken within the operating department and related areas.

## Recognition of Prior Learning

Previous study, professional and / or vocational experiences may be recognised as the equivalent learning experience.

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