

Your future healthcare scientists



Healthcare science assistant

An entry-level role which can be undertaken as direct entry or as an apprenticeship. Levy pays training costs for apprenticeship up to £5,000. Salary and any additional training and backfill costs paid by employer.

Entry requirements: No set entry requirements. Employers expect good literacy, numeracy and IT skills evidenced through GCSEs or equivalent level 2 vocational qualifications.

Qualification gained: May already have, or be willing to undertake, the Level 2 healthcare science assistant apprenticeship or the Level 3 Healthcare Science T Level.



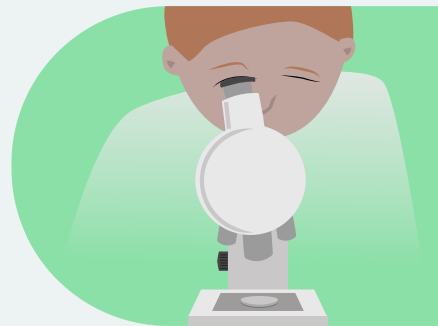
Route time: Between 12 – 18 months for apprenticeship

Healthcare science associate

A progression pathway for assistant role. Levy pays training costs for apprenticeship up to £9,000. Salary and any additional training and backfill costs paid by employer.

Entry requirements: Likely to need A levels with at least one science subject, relevant level 3 vocational qualifications in healthcare science, the Healthcare Science T Level and some experience working in healthcare.

Qualification gained: A level 4 apprenticeship for healthcare science associate exists for upskilling current staff, or direct recruitment onto the apprenticeship.



Route time: 2 years



Healthcare science practitioner

A degree-level practitioner which may be AHSC or HCPC registered once qualified. Levy pays for apprenticeship training costs up to £27,000. Salary and any additional training and backfill costs paid by the employer. Provide placement hours for those studying through university.

Entry requirements: Can be undertaken as a degree apprenticeship or via a university route through the [NHS Practitioner Training Programme](#), including 50 weeks of workplace based training.

Also, those who have completed a relevant degree and have suitable experience.



Route time: 3 years full time for all routes



Healthcare scientist

A masters-level training route for qualification and registration with the HCPC as a clinical scientist. Funding is available to cover tuition costs, as well as supplementary support funding for educational costs.

Entry requirements: Those with a suitable degree or are a healthcare science practitioner can apply for the scientist training programme which is a master's-level degree programme, spending a year in a general setting then specialising in the last two years.



Route time: 3 years of workplace training

Consultant clinical scientist

A doctorate-level pathway for healthcare scientists to progress to consultant level. Funding is available to cover tuition costs, as well as supplementary support funding for educational costs.

Entry requirements: The Higher specialist scientist training programme is a five-year blended academic and workplace training programme for healthcare scientists looking to apply for consultant healthcare scientist posts.



Route time: 5 years of workplace training

