



What is a Degree Apprenticeship (Level 6/7)?

A degree apprenticeship is an opportunity to be employed by a business or company as an apprentice and to complete a degree qualification* at the same time. An apprenticeship provides training and professional development. The number of degree apprenticeships is growing with over 260 apprenticeships that lead to a higher or full degree qualification in 15 different industry sectors.

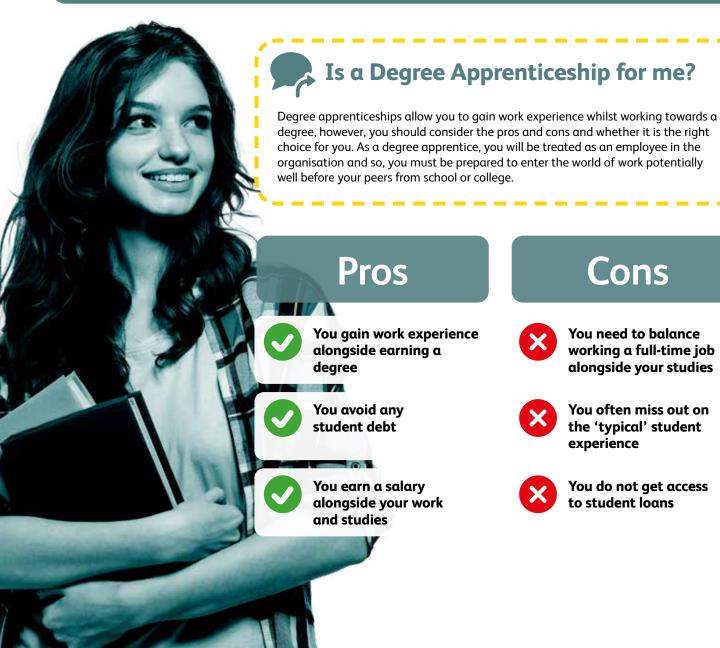
The degree apprenticeship standard is linked to an occupational role, e.g nurse, and is chosen by the employer. The employer also chooses which training provider or university they wish to partner with. The delivery model requires you to spend at least 6 hours per week with the training provider. The rest of the time you are working with your employer.

Typically, you will spend one day per week studying at the university, or in self-directed study when there are no timetabled classes. Some universities deliver the apprenticeship in a block release format, while others deliver a hybrid with on campus days and online days. This will be agreed by the employer and the university/training provider.

A degree apprenticeship can take anywhere from 3 years to 6 years to complete and will provide you with a competative salary and other employee benefits such as holiday and sick pay.

After finishing a degree apprenticeship, in most cases you will have achieved a degree, a graded apprenticeship certificate and, in many instances, professional regulatory body recognition, without any student loans, as well as multiple years of experience on the job.

 st not all degree level apprenticeships include a mandatory higher education qualification. Please check on the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education site www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards and with the training provider.



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You often miss out on the 'typical' student experience



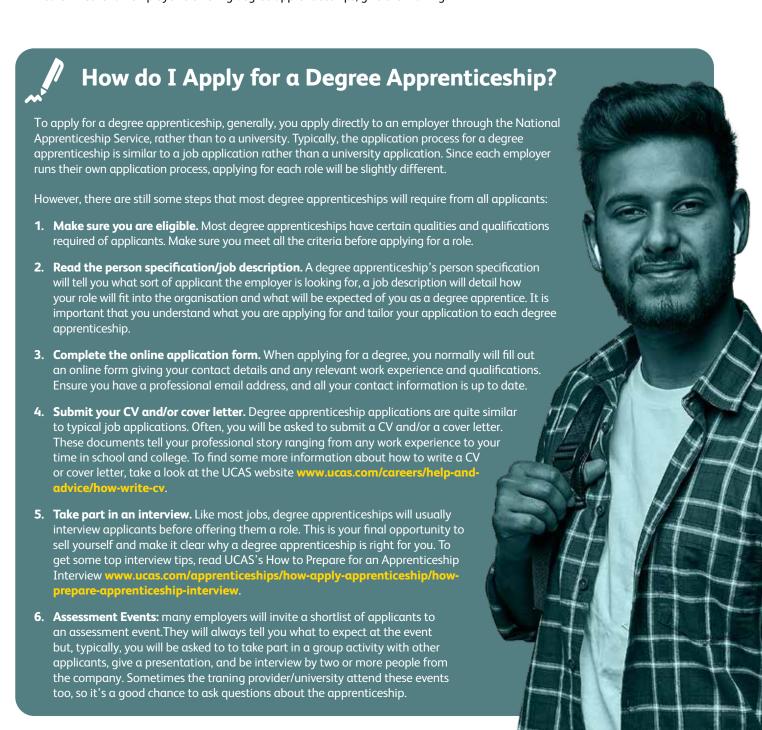
You do not get access to student loans



How do I find a Degree Apprenticeship?

Finding a degree apprenticeship can be difficult as there is not always as much advertising as typical university options. The easiest way to find an apprenticeship is through the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS): www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship. However, you can also find four top tips to finding a high-quality degree apprenticeship below:

- 1. Try and attend an apprenticeship fair and ask about degree apprenticeships at Higher Education (HE) and Careers Fairs. Lots of local schools and colleges host fairs dedicated to apprenticeships. Ask your career lead at school if they know if your school is having an apprenticeship fair or if your school/college can support you to attend a national apprenticeship fair
- 2. Use UCAS or the Government Apprenticeship finders. Both UCAS www.ucas.com and the government apprenticeship portal www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship offer apprenticeship searching tools. You can specify your sector of interest, location, start date, and which level of apprenticeship you're looking for. Make sure to look for degree level apprenticeships (Level 6 or 7)
- 3. Visit the apprenticeship zone at a UCAS fair. At all UCAS fairs, there is a dedicated section for degree apprenticeships. This can be a great opportunity to learn more about the world of degree apprenticeships and the sort of roles available in your local area.
- **4.** Visit the websites of employers near you. Many employers are now offering degree apprenticeships and so, it is worth looking at the websites of nearby major employers to see if they are offering any degree apprenticeships in the coming year. If you're not sure whether an employer is offering degree apprenticeships, give them a ring!





7. Submit your online application.

8. Take part in an interview or selection day.

9. Look over the apprenticeship job offer carefully and decide if it is the right step for you.

10. Start your degree apprenticeship!





What Degree Apprenticeships are offered at UWL?

At UWL, we offer Degree Apprenticeships in three sectors:

- Computing and Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Business and Leadership

These apprenticeships will put you on a path to a range of different careers including, but not limited to, a registered nurse, software engineer, data analyst, business manager or civil engineer. Whichever path you choose, a degree apprenticeship at UWL will provide you with support from the University as well as your employer and, at the end of the apprenticeship, a fully paid-for degree from UWL.

As with all apprenticeships, to apply for these you must apply directly to one of our employer partners. You can find a list of all vacancies with UWL partners currently being offered at www.uwl.ac.uk/degree-apprenticeship-vacancies.



Useful Resources

 $UWL\ Apprentices hips: {\color{blue}www.uwl.ac.uk/degree-apprenticeship-vacancies}$

UCAS Apprenticeship Search: careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship

UK Government Apprenticeship Search: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

National Apprenticeship Search: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk

Rate my Apprenticeship: www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk

The National Apprenticeship Show: national apprenticeshipshow.org

UCAS How to Prepare for an Apprenticeship Interview: www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/how-apply-apprenticeship/how-apply-apprenticeship/how-prepare-apprenticeship-interview

UCAS How to Write a CV for a Degree Apprentice: www.ucas.com/careers/getting-job/how-write-cv