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**DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIPS**

THE LOW DOWN ON DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Degree Apprenticeships and Higher Apprenticeships

An alternative route to gaining a degree to full time University, combining work with study.

They are available in a wide range of fields including law, surveying, midwifery and teaching.

No costs are involved for the apprentices who are employed and paid wages.

They are offered by employers such as BooHoo.com and the NHS.

NHS boohoo



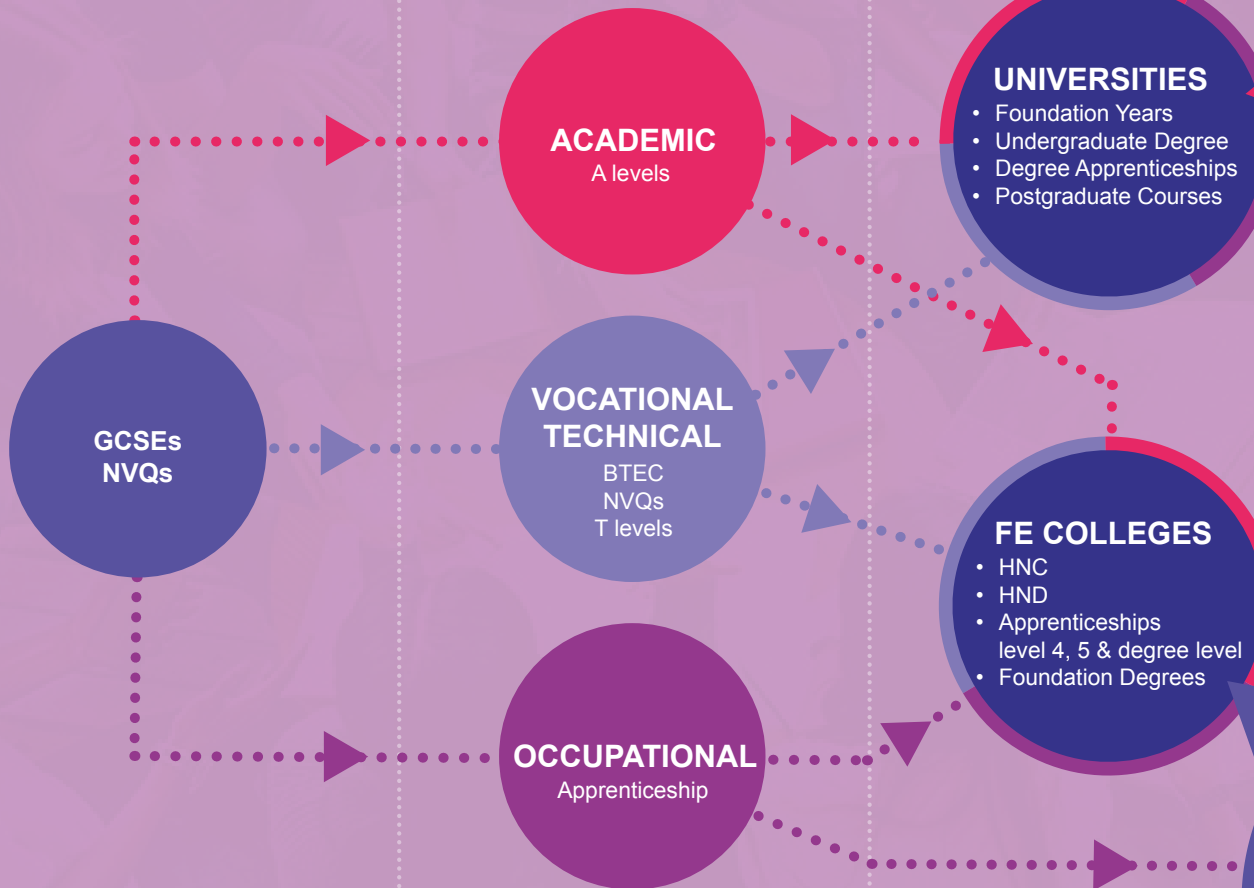
They are recognised as being just as invaluable as a university degree.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL

FE COLLEGE OR SIXTH FORM

HIGHER EDUCATION



LEVEL 1/2

LEVEL 3

LEVEL 4+

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS
They are available at levels 4 – 7, with qualifications that could be work based, academic or combined, or an industry relevant professional qualification.

A Degree Apprenticeship is a level 6 and 7 qualification – these are full BA, BSc and MA awards.

A Higher Apprenticeship is equivalent to foundation degree and above.

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Some advantages of Degree Apprenticeships:



Earn while you learn

Higher skill level

Don't need to choose between study and work – do both!

Tuition fees covered

Long term career path

Anyone of working age can do an apprenticeship

Real qualification

No university debts or fees

Designed by employers so you know you are getting the right skills and knowledge for that industry

Boost confidence

Nus card for discounts

Broadens career options

Employee rights – holidays, sick pay, contract

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Some drawbacks of Degree Apprenticeships

- You will need to have a clearer idea of the type of career you want to pursue, your options may be more open with a “traditional” degree
- Check the qualification awarded

- Some employers may be quite a distance from your place of study. There may be more commuting involved
- Not an easy option as you must work and study for a degree at same time. You are expected to achieve academically and, in the workplace

- Not available in every industry/occupational sector yet
- There are limited numbers of Degree Apprenticeships. It could be you could do an Intermediate or Advanced whilst higher and degrees are being developed further
- Less holidays than University or college
- May have to relocate



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Entry requirements

Entry requirements are generally academic –



- Good GCSE Results:
5 Grade 9 - 4's/A-C
- A-levels or BTEC in a
relevant subject

Entry requirements do vary as they will depend on what you have done already in terms of skills and qualifications. You may find if you have A levels you might still need to do an Intermediate level as you will not have the occupational skills e.g. financial services, science or engineering sector.

So that's academic but what about you as a person.

Enthusiasm
– in some cases this is as important as specific grades

Interest and commitment

Prior experience

Flexibility

Self-motivation and self-discipline

Initiative

Attention to detail

Teamwork and collaboration

Good cv – no gaps, work experience

Vocational/career focus

What does an employer want from you?



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Tips for applying

- Use a suitable email address
- Read the job description, especially the essential qualifications and entry requirements
- Do some background research on the company – what does it do, what are its key areas, what are its aims and objectives, what are its priorities

- Be honest and confident in self
- Give specific examples and back up what you say
- Track your application
- May be combination of application, online assessments, phone or online interview, and in some cases an assessment day
- Don't necessarily wait for near the deadline date to apply as some employers may close the application process if they get enough candidates



Tips for things to consider

- Think about your skills and experience relevant to the job
- Can apply for apprenticeships and University if you are undecided
- Apply for several Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships can start at any time in the year and deadlines for applications will vary between different employers

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Where to
find an
apprenticeship



www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship

Find an apprenticeship in England

You can apply for apprenticeships in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

[Search >](#)

- [Sign in to your account](#)
- [Create an account](#) to manage your applications and get alerts about new apprenticeships

Contact

National Apprenticeship Service
nationalapprenticeships@chaucertrust.co.uk
Telephone: 0800 076 2400
[Find out about call charges](#)

Explore the topic

[Apprenticeships, 16 to 18 education and training for work](#)
[Training skills](#)
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[Employers on the web](#)
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Search and apply on Apprenticeship site
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.careerfinder.ucas.com

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Careerfinder home Find a job Careers advice Employers search Job alerts

Found 1,192 jobs using the term 'degree apprenticeship'

Get new jobs for this search by email

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Relevance Newest first

Mail Police - Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship

• London (Greater)

• U.K. (UK)

• Metropolitan Police

• [View details](#)

Laboratory Scientist Degree Apprenticeship

• Laboratory

• Improved Competitive Salary and benefits

• Laboratory Unit

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Check out the apprenticeship section on
the UCAS website for information
www.careerfinder.ucas.com

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How to apply



Apprenticeships are advertised on www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.

For Local apprenticeships and job fair events, you could also check out www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk

You can search for and browse apprenticeship vacancies on that site. If you want to apply though you will need to create an account on the site. When you want to make an application, you would sign in and then you can complete and submit applications for apprenticeships on that site.

Further Education colleges, Universities and training providers advertise apprenticeships too.

Councils are increasingly advertising for apprentices so you could check out those too.

For example www.leicester.gov.uk and www.leicestershire.gov.uk

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