Northampton College



Degree Apprenticeships



What you need to know

Degree apprenticeships give you the opportunity to earn while you learn. They combine paid employment with university-level study.

You would spend 80% of your time at work and 20% as a part time university student.

You would be studying a course that's been designed to meet industry needs, gaining several years of highly relevant work experience and the skills valued by employers.

How much will it cost?

As with other apprenticeships the employer pays you a wage and also pays for the training. They would pay the course fee directly to the university.

This means you wouldn't need to take out a student loan to pay for tuition fees or living costs (degree apprentices are not eligible for Student Finance).

Would a degree apprenticeship suit you?

A degree apprenticeship may suit you if you:

- Like the idea of combining study with employment.
- Already have a career in mind.
- Are organised so that you can balance the demands of work and studying.
- Are not looking for the traditional "university experience" of being a full-time student.

How to find a degree apprenticeship:

1. Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK (**www.gov.uk**)
2. Company websites – many are not listed elsewhere, so check for vacancies and events where opportunities may be promoted.
3. **www.ucas.com** - UCAS Apprenticeship Search.
4. Degree apprenticeships | **Prospects.ac.uk**
5. University websites and open days

How to apply

Complete an online application in the same way as you would for a normal job. You could then be asked to take part it:.

- **An online test**
- **A telephone interview**
- **An assessment day including group tasks/presentations**
- **An interview.**

Can you do a degree apprenticeship if you already have a degree?

Yes – but it must be in an unrelated subject.

Remember

- Degree apprenticeships can be very competitive so start your research early.
- Don't apply to just one employer, keep your options open.
- Don't be put off by companies you haven't heard of – look at their website to find out more.
- Download the job description and print/save as you won't be able to access it once the application deadline has passed.
- You might need specific grades in GCSEs and Level 3 qualification so check carefully.
- Employers are also looking for other skills you can bring to the role that you've developed from work, placements, or extra-curricular activities, so highlight all of your strengths.
- Check deadlines to apply and start dates.



Current students can email the Futures Team for help and support

futures@northamptoncollege.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can visit the **Futures Team** based in **E1.01 at Booth Lane**, or pop into **Student Services at Lower Mounts or Daventry** to make an appointment with an advisor.

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