

Apprenticeship standard (England only)

Assistant Practitioner (Health)

Industry: Healthcare

City & Guilds code: 9576

LARS number: 102



A City & Guilds Group Business

-  **Typical duration: 18-24 months**
-  **Funding band: 10 (£12,000)***
-  **Level 5**

*Funding bands from May 2017

On-programme learning: Available

Mandatory qualification (3576-05): Available

End-point assessment (EPA): We're on the register of EPA organisations and anticipate taking bookings from summer 2018

Assistant practitioners provide high-quality and compassionate care to patients, service users or clients, with whom they're in direct contact. They work in a range of areas such as cancer services, physiotherapy, genito-urinary medicine, orthopaedics, palliative care, mental health, integrated care, community, occupational therapy, learning disabilities as well as hybrid roles that cross traditional occupational areas.

Typical activities include helping in total patient assessment, coordinating care (including referrals to other practitioners) and higher clinical skills such as catheterisation, wound care and discharge planning.

Assistant practitioners work at a level above senior healthcare support workers and have an in-depth understanding about factors that influence health and ill-health. The title is applied to a variety of roles that have been developed by local employers to meet individual service needs.

The published standard and assessment plan is available on the IfA website.

City & Guilds – helping you with an expert solution

There are four stages where we can work together to help your apprentices from the start through to successful completion of their training.



Plan

Helping you plan and prepare for the new standards with a bespoke solution to make the most of your investment in apprentices.



Attract

Simple online vacancy and candidate set up, TalentPortal can connect you to the talent you need to fill your apprenticeship vacancies.



Deliver

High-quality, online and offline content to help draw out the skills, knowledge and behaviours to prepare apprentices for end-point assessment as well as tracking options to monitor performance.



Assess

Support for you and your apprentices to prepare for end-point assessment by our first-rate, fully trained assessors. Our simple, flexible service meets the demands of your team and your partners.

The apprentice journey



1 On-programme (deliver)

Training and development takes place during this part of the apprenticeship. It may include a qualification if set in the standard.

Formative assessment of skills, knowledge and behaviours is required in the delivery of the standard and this will be outlined in the assessment plan.

Apprentices have to reach a minimum level of maths and English set by the standard. If they've not previously achieved this, they'll need further study and support.

1 On-programme: what apprentices need to learn

On-programme is the learning phase for apprentices to pick up the skills, knowledge and behaviours set in each standard. Apprentices need to complete 20% off-the-job training during the on-programme phase of their apprenticeship. Specific rules govern this and it must take place in the apprentice's contracted hours.

The apprentice must meet the 15 standards required by the Care Quality Commission (as set out in the Care Certificate), complete a regulated Level 5 occupational competence qualification and complete a reflective journey during the final three months of their apprenticeship. They must also reach maths and English at Level 2 if not already achieved.

Our resources and tools that support on-programme delivery

Our core content for this standard covers Prevent, British values, equality and diversity, and health and safety which give you the basics to deliver the standard and satisfy regulators. It's a blend of e-learning and downloadable content. We also have:



Mandatory qualification

3576-05 Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare.



Learning Assistant

Innovative and cost effective e-portfolio solution that lets you dramatically improve the delivery of their apprenticeship standards by tracking apprentices' progress online in real time. And helps authorise and evidences 20% off-the-job learning.



Guidance documents

Guidance documents are on our website and include:

- mapping documents
- evidence logs (showing links between the apprenticeship standard and the qualification).

*Guidance documents are password protected.

Maths and English requirements

If your apprentices need to complete maths and English, our popular Functional Skills qualifications fit within apprenticeship programmes and cover the core maths and English requirement for the workplace and further study. We have an extensive support package available, including e-Functional Skills, and an online teaching and learning platform, which guides learners from an initial and a diagnostic assessment, through to being exam ready.

Find out more: [cityandguilds.com/functionalskills](https://www.cityandguilds.com/functionalskills)



2 Gateway

The employer and provider must sign off the apprentice as ready to move on to end-point assessment.



3 Assess

The end-point assessment must demonstrate that the apprentice can perform in the occupation in a fully competent, holistic and productive way.

The assessment will be graded if required by the standard.

The assessment organisation and assessor must be independent of, and separate from, the training provided by the provider and employer.



4 Apprenticeship certificate

On successful completion, the end-point assessment organisation will apply to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the apprenticeship certificate. The certificate is sent to the apprentice's employer.

2 Gateway

To move on to EPA, the apprentice must evidence that they've completed their induction based on the 15 standards of the Care Certificate, achieved the mandatory Level 5 qualification and passed maths and English at Level 2. They must also have their completed reflective journal.

3 End-point assessment: how apprentices demonstrate their learning

EPA is the final stage that an apprentice goes through to complete their apprenticeship. The apprentice must demonstrate their learning to an independent end-point assessor (IEPA) and the overall grade available is distinction, merit, pass or fail. Assessment methods for this standard:



Synoptic knowledge test

- 40 multiple choice questions
- four short answer questions
- 90 minute time limit

Graded distinction, merit, pass or fail.

Find out more at:

[cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships](https://www.cityandguilds.com/apprenticeships)



Synoptic skills test

The apprentice's consultation skills, communication skills, safe working practices, professionalism, values and behaviours will also be assessed by oral questioning.



Interview

The apprentice's consultation skills, communication skills, safe working practices, professionalism, values and behaviours will also be assessed by oral questioning.

Our resources and tools that support end-point assessment

We are on the register of end-point assessment organisations and our EPA service includes support resource as well as flexibility around assessment delivery and a dedicated EPA team to support you.



EPA preparation tool

Online content to help the apprentice feel ready for their EPA experience. Personalised to their confidence levels and the standard, they're sent free access details once they're registered with us for EPA.



EPA team

Our dedicated EPA team is on hand to help with bookings and questions on anything from the assessment process to evidence portfolios.



EPA pack and guidance

Let our support, including short videos and how to guides help you get to grips and stay on track with the EPA process.



4 Apprenticeship certification

As well as receiving their Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) apprenticeship certificate, the apprentice will receive a City & Guilds statement of achievement for end-point assessment.

Progression with City & Guilds Group

This apprenticeship is part of our wider offering in the sector and you can develop new and existing talent with ILM management apprenticeships including: Team Leader/ Supervisor Level 3; Operations/Departmental Manager Level 5; Chartered Manager Degree Level 6 and the Senior Leader Master's Degree Level 7.



"As an NHS Trust and an Employer, we have delivered health NVQ qualifications for over twenty years and health apprenticeships for the last five years. Throughout that time, we have benefitted from a close working relationship with City & Guilds as our awarding body to ensure quality of our qualifications, and development to enable us to better our assessment practice."

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Developed with an employer group including: Barchester Healthcare, Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Health Education England, Hospice UK, Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Mid Essex Hospitals NHS Trust, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Norfolk & Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, North Bristol NHS Trust, North East London NHS Foundation Trust, Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Royal College of Midwifery, Royal College of Nursing, Solent NHS Trust, South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust in conjunction with Torbay & Southern Devon Care Trust, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, St Giles Hospice, The Priory Group, Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, Unison, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, and Skills for Health.

How our offer supports you:

Supportive payment structure

When you choose us for EPA you pay a small registration fee and the balance once the EPA has taken place and results submitted.

Personal support

Our Technical Advisors, Business Managers and Customer Service teams are on hand to help you with all aspects of apprenticeships.

Specialist online tools

Our e-Functional Skills can boost maths and English; Skills Zone develops workplace behaviours and skills; and our e-portfolio, Learning Assistant, lets you manage assignments and track the 20% off-the-job training requirement.

Events and webinars

We deliver a range of events and webinars run by industry specialists to advise and guide you, including regional networking and CPD events.



More information

If you're a City & Guilds centre, visit Walled Garden or contact your Business Manager to find out prices and if any elements are extra to the package. If you're a new customer, contact apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com to find out more.

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