

# Level 2 Healthcare Science Assistant Apprenticeship



## Course Overview

The Healthcare Science Assistant (HCSA) in the sterile services area perform a wide range of routine technical procedures, with minimal supervision, in the decontamination service area; following specific protocols and procedures in accordance with health, safety, governance and ethical requirements.

An example of activities undertaken by HCS Assistants within Sterile Services is the various technical aspects of decontamination of equipment and instruments required to enable a safe high-quality procedure for the patient. Procedures such as an operation in the operating theatre or observation of internal organs using telescopes. During the course there are work placements in areas that include interaction with patients and Health Care Scientists. The HCSA can observe the procedures first hand to have a complete understanding of the importance of their role within the Health Care setting.

Any of the following- work based learning, classroom-based teaching, private study, preparation for assessment and undertaking assessment when not under supervision, such as preparatory reading, revision and independent research.

## What You Will Study

The qualification will offer underpinning knowledge and occupational competence for the role of a healthcare science assistant.

This includes knowledge and understanding of:

- Skills for Lifelong Learning
- Professional Practice and Person-Centred Care
- Legal and Ethical Contact of Practice
- Health, Safety and Security in the Healthcare Science Environment
- Technical Scientific Services
- Effective Communication in Healthcare and Teamwork
- Reflection and Continuing Personal and Professional Development

## Attendance Expectations

Apprentices must be given 20% off the job hours by the employer to work towards their apprenticeship.

### STUDY MODE

Full-time

### LEVEL

Level 2

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson

### DURATION

12-15 months

### LOCATION

Workplace Based



For further information about this course, including Entry Requirements, Assessments and Further Study, scan the QR code.

## Need More Information?

For additional course information please contact the Course Information Team on **01924 789111** or email [courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk](mailto:courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk).

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## How You Will Be Assessed

A portfolio of evidence including competency-based observations and witness testimonies.

End Point Assessment designed to ensure that the apprentice has the opportunity to demonstrate in a variety of ways that they have achieved the skills, knowledge and behaviours outlined in the Standard

- Element 1- Vocational Competence Observation (VCO) – 30 mins (10 mins per task) plus 15 minutes for discussion and recording
- Element 2 – Professional Practice Test (PPT) – 60 mins for apprentice to undertake the test under exam conditions; 20 minutes for discussion; 15 mins for all responses to be assessed and recorded
- Element 3 - Professional discussion (PD) informed by the evidence presented – 30 minutes plus 15 minutes to complete assessment record

Reflective self-assessment showing evidence that the apprentice has developed an insight into their personal and professional development.

## Entry Requirements

No prior knowledge, understanding, skills or qualifications are required before learners register for this qualification, however knowledge within the field is assumed.

Requirements for Functional Skills will be discussed at onboarding.

## Fee Information

Please contact the Apprenticeship Recruitment Team on 01924 789469 or email [apprenticeships@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk)

## Further Study

Opportunity to study towards the Health Care Science Associate Level 4 Qualification.

