What you need to know

What is an Apprenticeship?
An Apprenticeship is a work-based training programme, where the employee will gain nationally recognised qualifications relevant to their role in the workplace.

Many employers take on Apprentices as new employees, to help build up new talent for the future demands of the business. Other employers sign up existing employees for Apprenticeship programmes, to help boost the skills of the existing workforce and improve competitiveness.

APPRENTICESHIP IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE – LEVEL 2

APPRENTICESHIP CODE FR0341001/A1

WHO IS THIS APPRENTICESHIP FOR?
This qualification is aimed at learners who have enthusiasm, commitment and interest and want a career in Pharmacy

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
The learner must have:
English GCSE Grade A*-D
Maths GCSE Grade A*-D
Need to be working in a Pharmacy environment.
All Apprentice applicants, whether external or internal will undergo an informal interview to confirm their suitability for the programme.

ENTRY POINTS ONTO THIS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME
There are three entry points during the year when Apprentices can start on this programme:
- September
- January
- May

WHAT WILL BE COVERED IN THE APPRENTICESHIP?
Every Apprenticeship includes the following elements:

- A combined qualification which is assessed in the place of work and through exams/assignments
- English, Maths and ICT qualifications if required
- Employee Rights and Responsibilities
On this particular Apprenticeship, the employee will cover units from the following:

Edexcel Certificate in Pharmaceutical Science – 3 mandatory units plus 3 optional units.

NVQ Certificate in Pharmacy Service Skills – 3 mandatory units plus a minimum of 4 optional units.

**Mandatory Units**
- Communicating with Pharmacy Customers
- Law, Regulation, Health and Safety in Pharmacy
- Working in the Pharmacy Team

**Optional Units**
- Ordering and Issuing Stock in the Pharmacy
- Receiving, Storing and Maintaining Stock in the Pharmacy
- Preparing for and Manufacture of Aseptic Products
- Assisting in the Preparation, Manufacture and Assembly of Medicinal Products
- Selling Over the Counter Medicines in the Pharmacy
- Processing a Prescription
- Assemble Prescriptions Safely

**HOW LONG DOES THE APPRENTICESHIP NORMALLY LAST?**
13 months

**HOW IS THE APPRENTICESHIP NORMALLY DELIVERED?**
The Apprentice will spend a minimum of 30 hours with the employer each week and 1 day a month at college (for the Certificate). Assessment takes place within the workplace every four weeks.

**WHAT COULD AN EMPLOYEE PROGRESS TO FROM THIS APPRENTICESHIP?**
From this Level 2 Apprenticeship, learners could progress to a Level 3 Pharmaceutical Science Advanced Apprenticeship.

To find out more about this Apprenticeship:
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