

NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare

Type of qualification/course:

Apprenticeship ~ Knowledge and skills

What will I learn:

Learners will need to achieve **120 credits** from **20 mandatory units**, studied over 18-24 months.

The mandatory units are based around the following six themes:

- Theme 1:** Principles and philosophy for healthcare
- Theme 2:** Working with others
- Theme 3:** Person-centred practice for positive outcomes
- Theme 4:** Safe ways of working
- Theme 5:** Clinical activities and interventions
- Theme 6:** Professional development

In addition, Apprentices must achieve the following:

- Level 2 English and Maths - (equivalent to GCSE grade 9 to 4 (A* to C))
- Meet the standards of the Care Certificate
- Work in line with The Code of Conduct for Healthcare Support Workers and Adult Social Care Workers in England

Where do I study/how will I be assessed?

To be able to show competence in both knowledge and skills, learners will need to be working in an assistant/practitioner role in an appropriate setting to be able to study for the qualification.

The qualification will be assessed using a range of methods. This will include direct observation in the workplace, professional discussion, work products, written assignments and an End Point Assessment (an independent objective and impartial assessment of an apprentice's knowledge, skills and behaviours etc.)

Course overview:

The Level 5 Diploma for Assistant Practitioners in Healthcare provides learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills to work as an Assistant Practitioner. Assistant Practitioners have been part of the health care workforce since 2002; they are often known as associate practitioners. As part of the wider health and social care team delivering high-quality and compassionate care; Assistant Practitioners have direct contact with patients, service users and clients. Working at a level above that of Healthcare Support Workers, they have a more in-depth understanding about factors such as anatomy and physiology that influence health and ill health.

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What does the course lead to:

Upon completion, learners will have acquired the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to become an Assistant Practitioner in a range of areas. These include:

Cancer Services	Mental Health	Social Care
Learning Disabilities	Hospice Care	Physiotherapy
Genito-Urinary Medicine	Orthopaedics	Occupational Therapy

The qualification could also provide evidence for a personal statement to enable learners to enter Higher Education in a related area.