

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

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- **What would you like to get out of this session?**
- **Have you got any specific questions/concerns regarding degree apprenticeships (DA)?**

Write your answers on a post-it note. We will share some answers in a couple of minutes.

Coming up...

- **What are degree apprenticeships?**
- **How to support your students choosing the right degree apprenticeship?**
- **How to support your students applying to a degree apprenticeship?**
- **Questions**

What are degree apprenticeships?

- Definition
- Course structure
- Eligibility criteria and who is it for?
- Benefits

What do you know about degree apprenticeships (DA)?

You will gain half of a degree



Make you highly employable



They all have the same structure



Applied to via UCAS



Lower tuition fees to pay



Last from 3 to 6 years



You get paid a salary



You have to be a UK resident



They are academic as well as practical



Available only in manual sector



For students who got lower grades



Based in the workplace



Introductory video (civil engineering)

https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/eng/degree_apprenticeships/

What is an apprenticeship?

- Combination of work (80%) with study at levels 2-7 (20%).
- Mix on-the-job training with 'classroom' learning.
- Employed full-time but usually study for a recognised qualification

E.g. RQFs, BTECs, HNC, HND, Foundation Degree, **Bachelors Degree or Masters Degree**

Course structure

- Same academic standard as a traditional degree
- Same number of credits

- Content choice restricted – employers' needs
- Different content than similar degree title
- Different assessment methods

Eligibility

- Be over 16 years old
- Meet the entry requirements
- Spend at least 50% of working hours in England
- UK resident

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Who does it suit?

- Do they have a preferred career path?
- Are they OK with not having a 'traditional' university experience?
- Do they have good time management skills and resilience?

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Benefits



‘Earn while you learn’



No tuition fees



Study for a degree



Employability



Skills and
knowledge



Networking

How to support your students choosing a degree apprenticeship?

- What is available?
- How are they structured?
- Where?

What's available?

- Currently **110** different undergraduate level DAs approved or in development.
 - **Engineering**
 - **Nursing**
 - **Computing/digital**
 - **Science**
 - **Law +many more**
- Postgraduate also available (almost 60)

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**Not all degree level apprenticeships
actually contain a degree!!**

Useful resources



Good tool if you would like more information about the Apprenticeship standards. Also has a searching tool for current apprenticeship as part of the Standards tab.



Official searching tool. Good as a starting point.

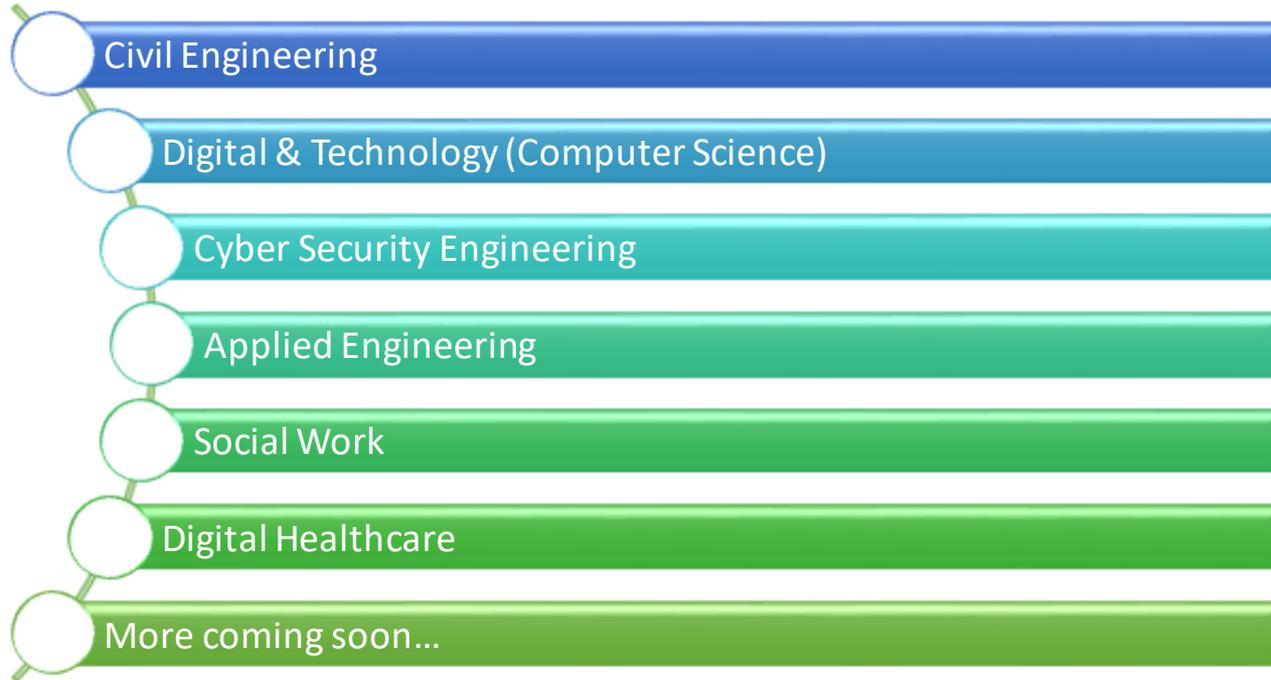


Although you can't apply through UCAS. Their website does list some.



A useful blog post with much more information on degree apprenticeships

Which subjects do Warwick offer?

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- Civil Engineering
 - Digital & Technology (Computer Science)
 - Cyber Security Engineering
 - Applied Engineering
 - Social Work
 - Digital Healthcare
 - More coming soon...

How is the study part organized?

- Within contracted hours of work
- Day / block release
- Blended learning
- Applied learning at work
- 3-5 years average



Can they choose where to study?

- Employer has final say
- Often job vacancies will state which university they have partnered with
- Register with universities to receive vacancy information

Where are they going to live?

- Live close to place of work (Apprentice pays)
- Live on Campus during block teaching (Employer pays)



Degree apprenticeship, Capgemini-London, Aston University

*You will need to be flexible and **able to travel to different offices and client sites after your first 3 months**. During the first **9 weeks** you will experience an **induction** and training programme in a residential environment with Week 1 based at our Telford offices and then Weeks 2-9 on campus at **Aston University**.*



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Degree apprenticeship, Digital Healthcare Science – Coventry, Warwick University

***Five one-week blocks of teaching per year** on the **Warwick campus**, which are interspersed with workplace learning. With a course focus on working with individuals, exposure to real patients and actor simulations is a vital element of developing your expertise in patient centred, values-based approaches to shared decision-making.*

Using the Warwick Prospectus can you find which DAs might be suitable for someone who...

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Does not have A-levels

Is interested in computers

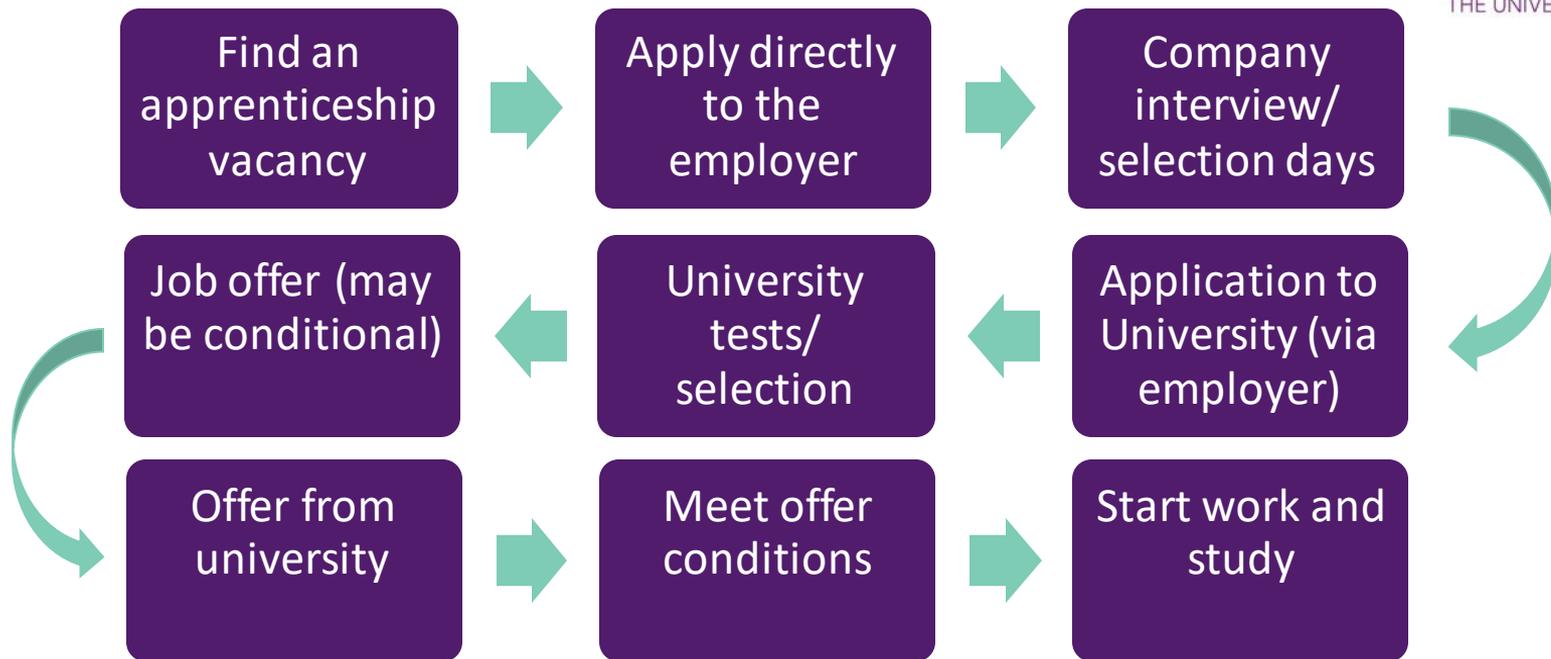
Cannot be away from home more than one week at a time

How to support your students to apply?

- The application process
- Entry requirements
- Finding a course
- Interviews and CVs

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Entry requirements

- Minimum requirements
- Employer or university additional requirements
- Many employers/universities will look at alternative qualifications

Finding a vacancy



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Finding a vacancy

- University websites
- Employer websites
- Prospects
- UniFrog...

Application and interview

Employer:

- CV/covering letter or application form
- Assessment day
 - Psychometric testing?
 - Group tasks?
 - One-to-one or panel interview?
 - Subject testing?



Application and interview

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University:

- Employer usually facilitates application
- Details form/ID/proof of qualifications
- Maths/English/ICT testing?
- Interview?



Application/interview advice

- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/application
- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/interview
- <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/assessment-centres/275425-group-exercises-what-to-expect>

Any questions?



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