

# 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/](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.



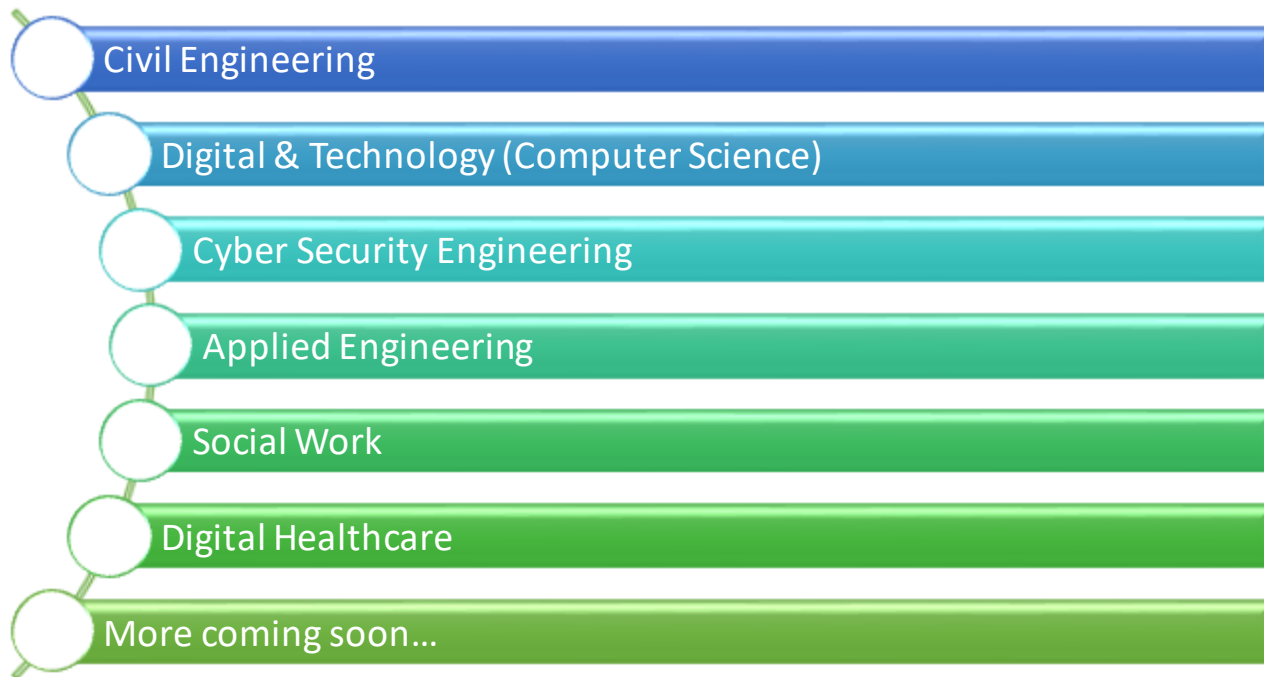
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A useful blog post with much more information on degree apprenticeships

# Which subjects do Warwick offer?

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# 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**.*



## 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

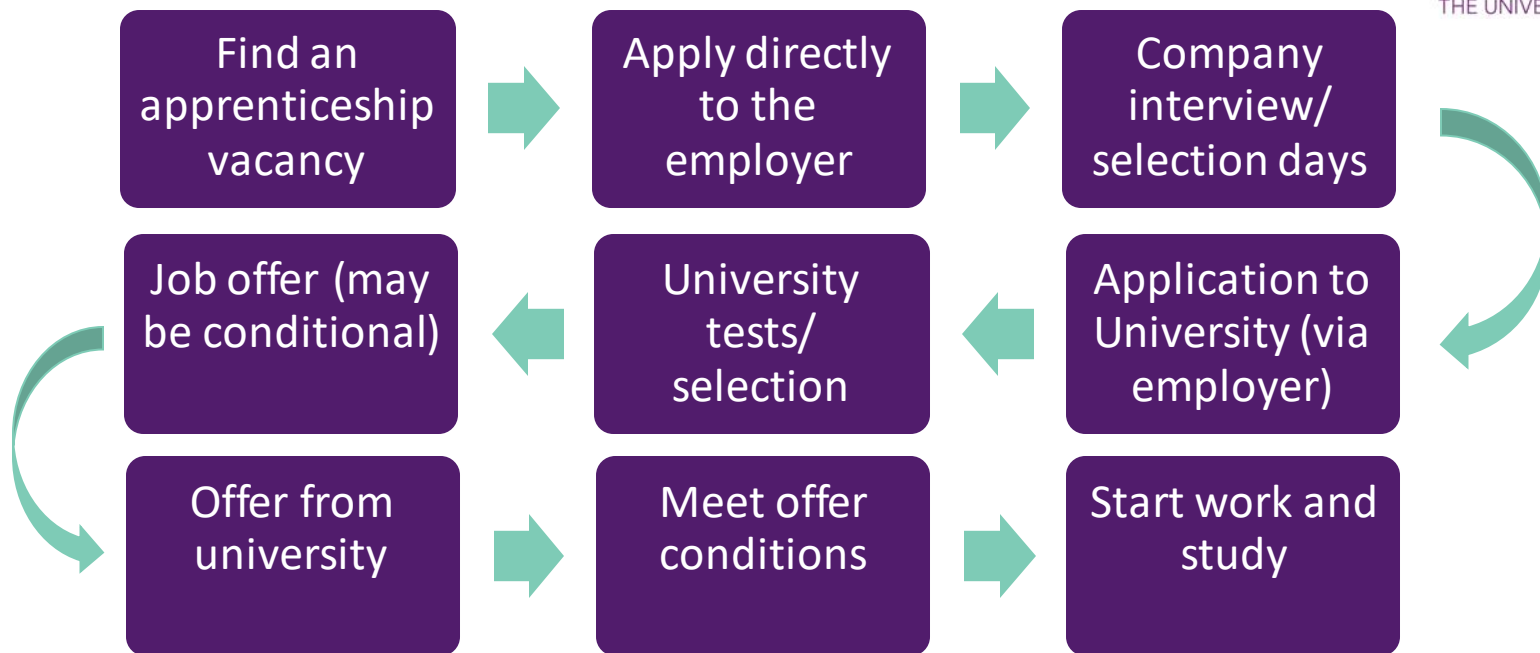
Cannot be away  
from home more  
than one week at a  
time

# How to support your students to apply?

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

# ~~UCAS~~

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# Entry requirements

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

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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



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- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/application](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/application)
- [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentice/interview](https://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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