

Course Specification

Course Summary Information		
1	Course Title	Assistant Practitioner (Health) (ST0215) Apprenticeship FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Health)
2	Course Code	UF0113
3	Awarding Institution	Apprenticeship Qualification is awarded by Awarding Body the Bulit Environment (ABBE) BCU EPAO. Birmingham City University, as the training provider, awards the academic qualification.
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)	Birmingham City University
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)	Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) (ST0215)

6	Course Description
	<p>Overview</p> <p>Do you want to enhance your career in health and social care? Our Assistant Practitioner (Health) Apprenticeship is ideal for those already working a minimum of 30 hours per week within a health and social care setting. This access course, taught by our experienced clinical staff, will allow you to develop your knowledge and skills to enable you to progress to Assistant Practitioner level.</p> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>The Assistant Practitioner (Health) is a full-time apprenticeship delivered at the City South campus and has been carefully designed to provide the skills you and your employer need in line with the apprenticeship standard as well as relevant practice specific requirements.</p> <p>A variety of Assistant Practitioner pathways can be studied including Maternity, Mammography, Diagnostic Radiography, Surgical Care Support and Rehabilitation.</p> <p>Expert teaching staff in our Schools of Nursing and Midwifery and Health Sciences provide the guidance needed to make sure you secure the necessary knowledge, skills and behaviours that will advance your career within your chosen pathway.</p> <p>The apprenticeship equips successful candidates for a range of roles in health or social care settings, local authorities, the voluntary sector and private care settings. You will explore the scope of professional practice within your specific pathways as well as in the areas of compassionate care delivery, risk management, responsibility and accountability, infection prevention and control, confidentiality, consent, safeguarding and many more areas aligned to the apprenticeship standard.</p> <p>The course offers a wide range of Core Modules to meet the knowledge, skills, and behaviours within the Assistant Practitioner (Health) course including anatomy and physiology, social, psychological and cultural influences relevant to your area of work. It covers professional issues relating to the boundaries of practice, patient assessment and holistic care. It also</p>

provides a thorough understanding of standard operating procedures and relevant national service frameworks. In addition to this additional pathway specific modules will enable you to undertake more in-depth study in an area relevant to your role, practice and service user group.

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An apprentice must submit all gateway evidence to the EPAO. The EPAO must review the evidence. When the EPAO confirms the gateway requirements have been met, the EPA period starts and typically takes 3 months to complete. The expectation is that the EPAO will confirm the gateway requirements have been met.

The End point assessment:

- Provides apprentices with a showcase opportunity to provide oral and documentary evidence of their knowledge, skills and behaviours developed throughout the apprenticeship.
- Enables the independent assessor to assess the skills and behaviours of the apprentice by observing the apprentice in the course of their normal work.
- Tests the knowledge acquired by the apprentice throughout the apprenticeship.

The end point assessment includes the following components:

1. Observation of Practice
2. Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence

7 Apprenticeship Course Awards			
7a	Apprenticeship Final Award (awarded by End Point Assessment Organisation)	Level	Credits Awarded
	Assistant Practitioner (Health)	5	
7b University Awards and Credits Awarded			
	Students can graduate with a Foundation Degree in their chosen pathway:		
	Foundation Degree in Science Assistant Practitioner (Mammography) (UF0113-10)	5	240
	Foundation Degree in Science Assistant Practitioner (Maternity) (UF0113-11)	5	240
	Foundation Degree in Science Assistant Practitioner (Diagnostic Radiography) (UF0113-12)	5	240

	Foundation Degree in Science Assistant Practitioner (Surgical Care Support) (UF0113-14)	5	240
	Foundation Degree in Science Assistant Practitioner (Rehabilitation) (UF0113-13)	5	240
7c	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Health and Social Care	4	120

8	Variation from the University Regulations		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module 2. Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted 3. Apprenticeship students do not have the right to repeat Level 4 4. For clinical practice assessments a maximum of two attempts is permitted <p>Apprenticeships adhere to university academic regulations for university awards offered within apprenticeship training. Where Educations and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) regulations specify an alternative requirement for apprenticeship training management, this takes precedence. This is a requirement of the University registration with the ESFA as an apprenticeship training provider and receipt by the University of individual apprenticeship funding.</p>		

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location(s) of Study	Duration of Study
	Apprenticeship	City South	2 years (plus EPA)
			Code(s)
			UF0113

10	Entry Requirements
	<p>Applicants must have GCSE at Grade 4 (previously a Grade C) or above in English Language and Mathematics. Please check the transferable skills document from Apprenticeship Certificates England to see if your qualifications meet the requirements for a Higher Apprenticeship.</p> <p>Irish Leaving Certificate - Mathematics and English Ordinary Level passes at Grade B3 or above.</p> <p>Scottish qualifications – Mathematics and English passes at Intermediate Standard 2 or above.</p> <p><u>In addition to the above you must have one of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCE A/A2 level: Minimum of one A/A2 Level pass at Grade D or above, General Studies and Critical Thinking excluded • GCE AS/A1 level: Minimum of two AS/A1 Level passes at Grade D or above, General Studies and Critical Thinking excluded • GCE/AVCE Double Award: Minimum pass at Grade DD, General Studies and Critical Thinking excluded • BTEC National Award: Minimum pass Grade M required • BTEC National Certificate: Minimum pass Grade PP required • BTEC National Diploma: Minimum pass Grade PPP required • International Baccalaureate Diploma: Minimum pass Grade 24 required • Cache Award, Certificate or Diploma: Full award • Access to HE Diploma in Health and Social Care: Full award (60 credits) must include 12 Level 2 Mathematics credits + 12 Level 2 English Language credits if not already achieved at GCSE or equivalent

- NVQ Level 2: Full award plus a written paper – details of the content will be provided by the admissions tutor post application
- NVQ Level 3: Full award, plus GCSE Mathematics and English Language at Grade C or above or equivalent
- 14 –19 Progression Diploma in Society, Health, and Development: Full award
- 14-19 Advanced Diploma in Society, Health, and Development: Full award

If you do not hold a level 3 qualification, you can still apply via the portfolio route. You need to provide a portfolio which should include:

Two written testimonies (one of which must be from your employer) supporting your application

A reflective piece that draws on your current practice or an episode of care (1,500 words)

All pieces of work must be authorised and signed by your line manager and submitted within 4 weeks post application following discussion with the Admissions Tutor.

The Senior Healthcare Support Worker (Maternity Support) Apprenticeship requires you to be working within a supportive and suitable maternity clinical environment and supported by your employer. You need to ensure that this is in place before you apply to the course.

Prior Certificated Learning:

During the Apprenticeship on-boarding process, you will be required to self-assess your knowledge, skills and behaviours against those within the Assistant Practitioner (Health) Apprenticeship Standard. Sufficient evidence of prior knowledge may result in a shortened apprenticeship duration.

11 Course Learning Outcomes	
1	Demonstrate the theoretical basis and safe, competent, and skilled application of theory to practice.
2	Interpret information required to care for a range of service users.
3	Implement problem-solving skills in practical situations.

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FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Mammography)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4076	Mammography – Principles and Practice	40
HSC4080	Physics for Radiography Practitioners	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Maternity)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4100	Knowledge and Skills to Practice in Maternity	40
HSC4099	Supporting Birth and the Role of the Maternity Support Worker	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Surgical Care Support)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

<u>Module Code</u>	<u>Module Name</u>	<u>Credit Value</u>
HSC4072	Fundamental Perioperative Practice	40
HSC4083	The Wider Principles of Perioperative Care	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Rehabilitation)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4101	Principles of Assessment in Rehabilitation	40
HSC4102	Foundations of Rehabilitation	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 20 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5100	Evidence-Based Healthcare	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Diagnostic Radiography)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5089	Advanced Diagnostic Radiography for Assistant Practice	40
HSC5093	Service Users Journey Through Imaging	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Mammography)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5097	Mammography - Further Knowledge and Skills for Practice	40
HSC5093	Service Users Journey Through Imaging	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Maternity)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5092	Advanced Knowledge, Skills, and Assessment in Maternity Care	40
HSC5091	Supporting the Transition to Parenting	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Surgical Care Support)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5102	Developing Perioperative Practice	40
HSC5098	Contemporary Influences in Perioperative Practice	20

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Rehabilitation)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5113	Evidenced Based Rehabilitation Techniques	40
HSC5114	Lifelong Rehabilitation	20

Gateway and End Point Assessment (EPA) requirements:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete the End Point Assessment which carries 40 credits. Prior to undertaking this assessment, the learner must be able to fulfil the following requirements.

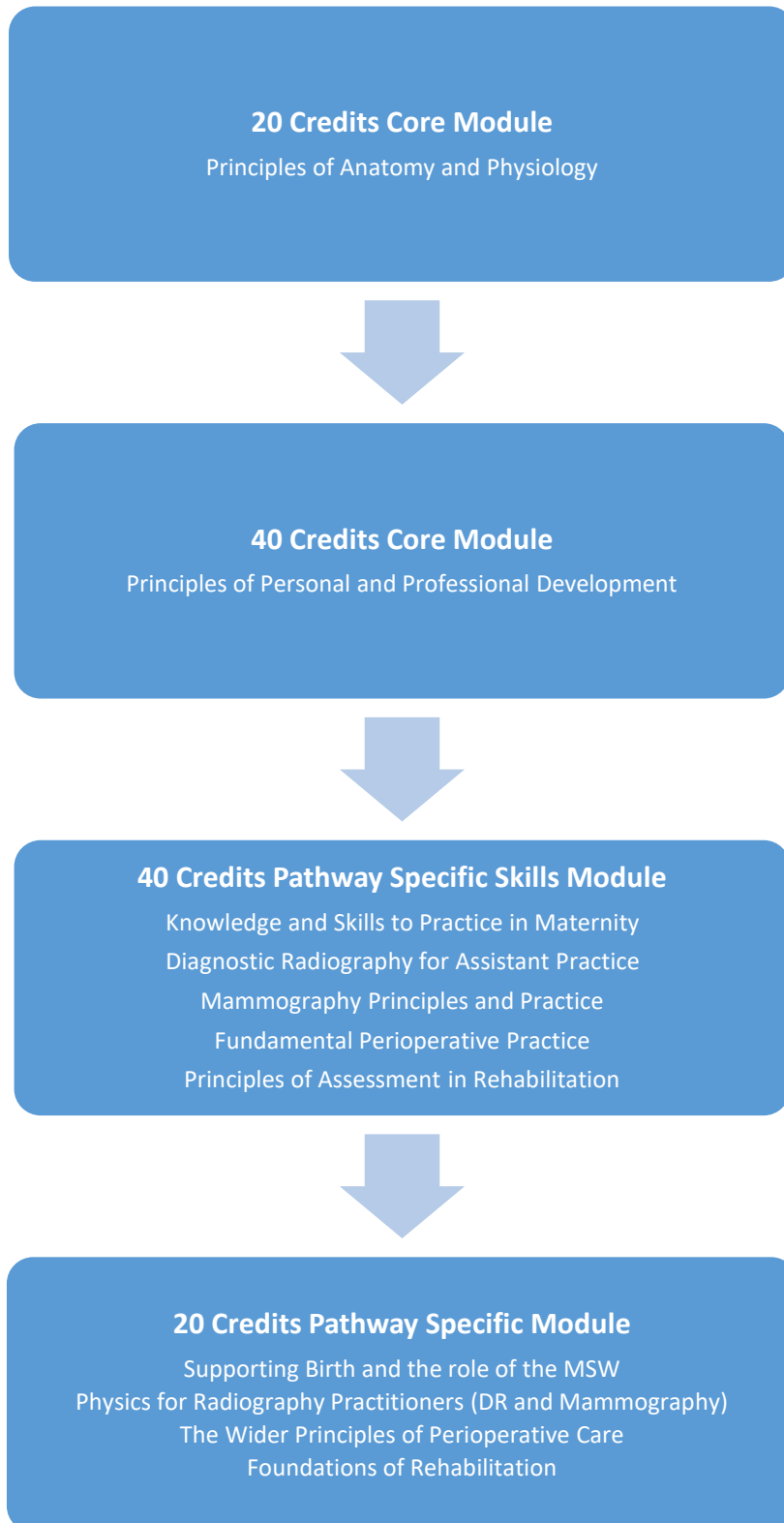
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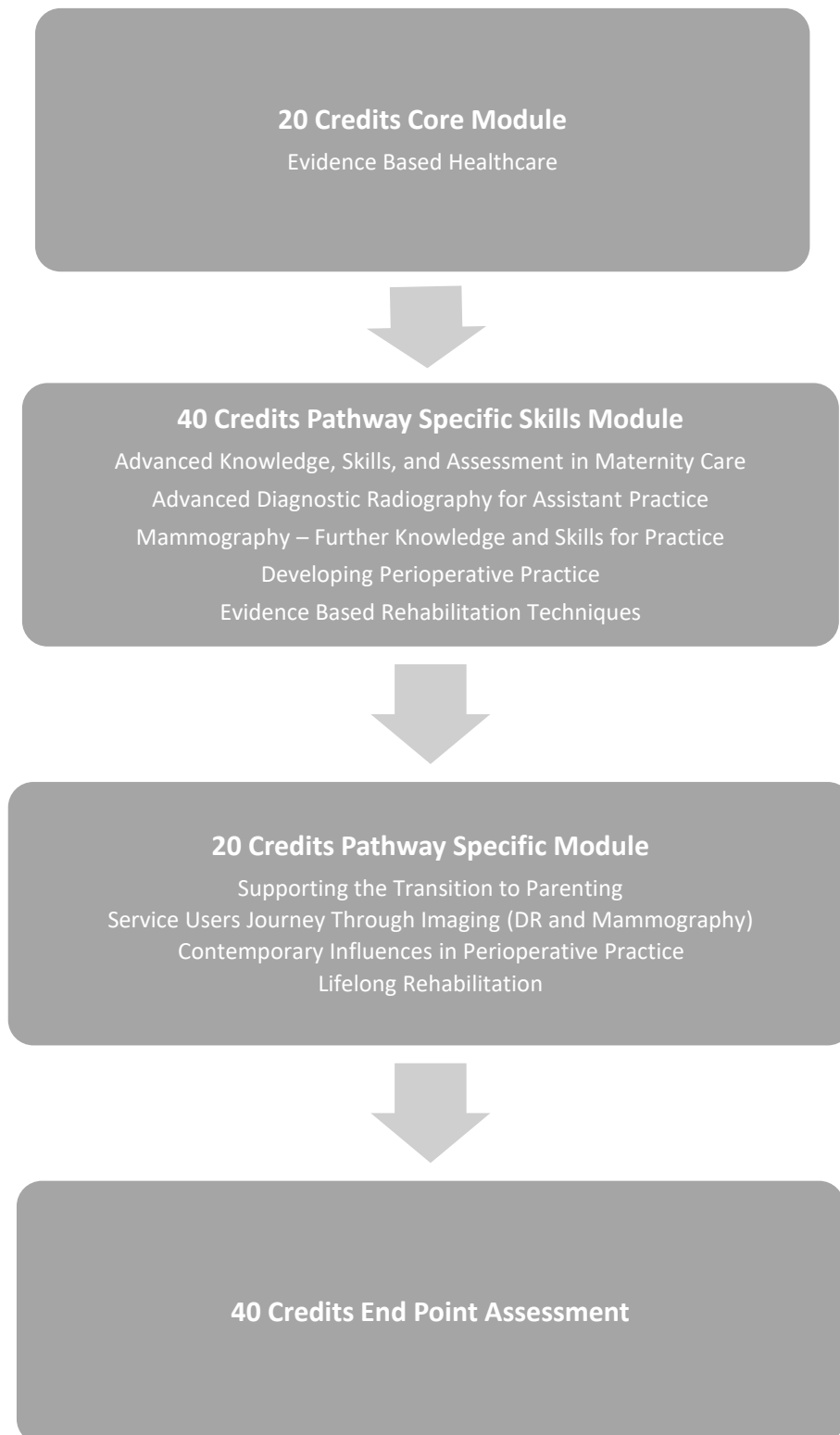
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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5115	Assistant Practitioner (Health) End Point Assessment (Foundation Degree Apprenticeship)	40

Flowchart showing Core and Pathway Specific Modules**Level 4**

Level 5



Gateway: Review & Assessment - Undertaken in conjunction with the employer

In order to enter Gateway, learners must complete a series of mandatory workshops to prepare for End Point Assessment. Learners will also be required to collate evidence towards their portfolio. Workshops will take place weekly during Semester 2 and 3.

On successful completion of 200 credits, learners will be entered for Gateway.

End Point Assessment

- An observation of practice
- A professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence.

16 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning, and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the pathway selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes, and workshops, contact time specified in timetable.
- *Directed Learning* includes work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning.

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g., coursework, exam, and in-person) depends on the pathway chosen. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Diagnostic Radiography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	48
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assessment)	20%
Exam	40%
In-Person (Including PAD)	40%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Mammography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	48
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assessment)	20%
Exam	40%
In-Person (PAD)	40%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Rehabilitation)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	48
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assessment)	0%
Exam	20%
In-Person (Including PAD)	80%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Surgical Care Support)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	48
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assessment)	40%
Exam	20%
In-Person (Including PAD)	40%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Maternity)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	210
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	48
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assessment)	20%
Exam	20%
In-Person (PAD/presentation)	60%

Level 5
Workload
Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity
FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Diagnostic Radiography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	168
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	60
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assignments)	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person (PAD)	25%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Mammography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	168
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	60
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assignments)	50%
Exam	0%
In-Person (Including PAD)	50%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Rehabilitation)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	168
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	60
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assignments)	50%
Exam	0%
In-Person (Including PAD)	50%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Surgical Care Support)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	168
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	60
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assignments)	66.5%
Exam	0%
In-Person (Including PAD)	33.5%

FdSc Assistant Practitioner (Maternity)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	168
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	60
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework (Written assignments)	25%
Exam	0%
In-Person (PAD, Presentations, OSCE)	75%