

# Apprenticeships explained



BCoT's apprenticeship team, Aspiral Learning, is one of the largest providers of apprenticeships in the region, working with both large and small employers across all industry sectors.

### What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships give you the chance to learn on the job, instead of in the classroom full time. You will be assessed on a continuous basis, with some exams and end point assessments. Apprenticeships involve either day release to BCoT or personal tutoring within your workplace.

### Why do an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are an excellent way of gaining recognised qualifications, workplace experience and skills, while earning a salary.



### What are the benefits?

Apprenticeships start at Level 2 and go right up to advanced Level 7, which is the equivalent to a degree or advanced professional qualification.

Over 70 universities across the country currently offer degree apprenticeships – a great way to achieve a degree qualification without the tuition fees!

Not only do apprentices earn a salary and get paid holiday, they also have an excellent opportunity to study further or climb the rank in the workplace. There is an increased earning potential too, as apprentices enjoy marked salary increases upon finishing their training and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.\*

\*Source: assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/ government/uploads/system/uploads/ attachment\_data/file/711088/Parent-Guide-Apprenticeships.pdf

# How to apply for an apprenticeship

# Apply online at bcot.ac.uk/apply

If you have an employer in place to support your chosen apprenticeship, please tell us as much information about them as you can on your application. Once it's submitted we'll contact your employer to ensure the requirements of your apprenticeship programme can be met and visit them before you are due to start.

If you don't have an employer in place to support your chosen apprenticeship, select a full-time course on your application then tick the relevant box to identify that you would like to be considered for an apprenticeship. Once you have found an employer we will update your application and transfer you across to an apprenticeship.

For full details of all the apprenticeships we offer, see our full-time and apprenticeships course guide.

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### Did you know?

Apprenticeships are not just for school and college leavers. Employed adults are also able to undertake an apprenticeship programme with the support of their employer.

# Finding an employer

You will need an employer with an apprenticeship position in your chosen industry to begin an apprenticeship. If you don't have an employer, here are some useful tips to help you find the right job.

# Check out the latest apprenticeship vacancies available through BCoT

Visit bcot.ac.uk/apprenticeships or contact business@bcot.ac.uk or call 01256 306237 to speak to a member of our apprenticeship team within Aspiral Learning.

# Come to our apprenticeship events

BCoT welcomes over 50 employers into the college who are all looking to recruit new apprentices. Do your homework, come ready with questions and make sure you're dressed to impress!

## Apprenticeship Events:

Monday 6 February, 4:30pm to 7pm Monday 19 June, 4:30pm to 7pm

## **GET IN TOUCH**

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#### Visit the National Apprenticeship Service website gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Create an account on this government portal to see apprenticeship vacancies across the UK. Set up alerts to notify you when opportunities that meet your search criteria become available.

#### Look at Indeed.com

Search Aspiral Learning to see all of our apprenticeship vacancies. Why not download their app so you can easily apply for jobs from your phone?

### Create a Curriculum Vitae (CV)

A CV is a document that you give to an employer which provides an overview of your skills and qualifications. It can include predicted grades.

For advice on how to create a CV, visit the National Careers Service website.



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