

Higher Education Academic Professional Apprenticeship Level 7

You will specialise in teaching and supporting student learning at undergraduate, postgraduate taught and research levels.

Academic Professionals work within the higher education (HE) sector delivering higher education teaching and undertaking research to support the development of knowledge within their discipline. They may work in Universities, Colleges or the Private Sector, in the primary role of developing and sharing knowledge with students, peers and external stakeholders to support advancement of the discipline and the resolution of major challenges.

Academic Professionals will reach full competency in their role through this apprenticeship, taking them from their entry point to employment in higher education to full professional competence.

The Academic Professional Apprenticeship Standard reflects widely understood professional standards for both the teaching and research routes in higher education and is aligned to the Higher Education Academy's UK Professional Standards Framework and Vitae's Researcher Development Framework.

The Academic Professional in a specialist teaching role will:

- play a leading role in the development and deployment of innovative teaching and assessment techniques, to deliver HE teaching of high quality across a wide range of modules and to all levels
- develop innovative HE course materials, monitor delivery and evaluate course, award and programme design
- design a wide range of teaching environments to facilitate student learning and engagement
- integrate subject and pedagogic research into teaching and scholarly activity to enhance teaching and support changes of practice
- analyse and synthesise information and use critical thinking to share insight into their pedagogy and discipline area and improve engagement with excellence initiatives
- contribute to changes of practice by developing innovative forms of teaching for use with students who are working towards higher-level learning at levels 4 to 8 in the Framework for HE Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, i.e. from HE Certificate to Doctorate level.

Entry requirements: Employers will set their own entry requirements, which will usually be a postgraduate degree level (level 7) qualification in an area of disciplinary specialism.

Length of apprenticeship: 12 months

Apprentices will complete this apprenticeship whilst studying the [Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice in Higher Education](#). Click [here](#) to find out more information about course, assessment methods, student handbooks and programme specifications, and staff profiles.

During the apprenticeship programme, the apprentices must meet the following criteria to be recommended for the end-point assessment (EPA):

- Apprentices without level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the end-point assessment. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement the apprenticeships English and maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3 and British Sign Language qualification are an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language.
- completed all workplace learning and off-the-job training as evidence of the potential to demonstrate professional competence in relation to the required knowledge, skills and behaviours of the standard.

The apprentice will only be recommended for EPA when the employer is confident that the apprentice is occupationally competent and ready to undertake EPA. Employers should have a remediation process in place to support any apprentice who fails to meet the eligibility criteria to enter EPA.

The EPA uses the following assessment methods:

- Academic Professional Practice Assessment
- Professional Conversation
- Written Submission

For more information about the Level 7 Academic Professional apprenticeship, please contact engage@ucl Leeds.ac.uk or call 0113 235 4510.