

## Accelerated programmes

Accelerated or shortened pre-registration courses are available in certain clinical professions such as nursing and the allied health professions.

Typically, these courses allow graduates of other subject disciplines to undertake approved pre-registration training in two years instead of three or four. This is because accreditation for prior experiential learning (APEL) can be given by the university. Such courses are available in:

- nursing <sup>[1]</sup> – adult <sup>[2]</sup>, children's <sup>[3]</sup>, learning disabilities <sup>[4]</sup>, and mental health <sup>[5]</sup> fields
- diagnostic <sup>[6]</sup> and therapeutic radiography <sup>[7]</sup>
- dietetics <sup>[8]</sup>
- occupational therapy <sup>[9]</sup>
- physiotherapy <sup>[10]</sup>
- speech and language therapy <sup>[11]</sup>



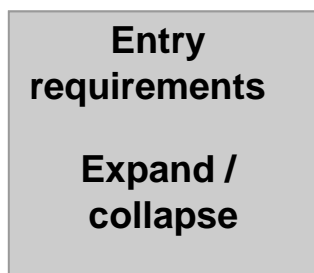
Graduates of other disciplines can undertake approved pre-registration training in two years instead of three or four

There are also accelerated courses in medicine <sup>[12]</sup> and dentistry <sup>[13]</sup>. These generally take four years instead of the standard five.

You can search for approved accelerated courses using our course finder <sup>[14]</sup>. Alternatively, approved courses, including accelerated programmes, are listed on the websites of the relevant professional body:

- Health and Care Professions Council <sup>[15]</sup>
- Nursing and Midwifery Council <sup>[16]</sup>
- General Medical Council <sup>[17]</sup>
- General Dental Council <sup>[18]</sup>

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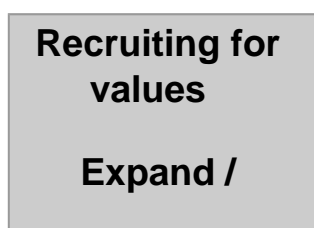


Universities set their own entry requirements for accelerated programmes. You may need a relevant degree, for example in a science or social science subject. If you have a degree-equivalent qualification such as a professional award, this may be acceptable for entry to an accelerated programme.

The UCAS website <sup>[19]</sup> allows you to search for full-time courses and view entry requirements. More detailed information about specific courses can be found in university prospectuses and on their websites.

You apply for accelerated programmes either through UCAS <sup>[20]</sup> or directly to the university where you want to study.

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If you're applying for a university programme leading to a role providing NHS healthcare, you'll be asked to show how you think the NHS values would apply in your everyday work.

Find out more about NHS values <sup>[21]</sup>.

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Please visit our financial support page <sup>[22]</sup> for the latest information on how the NHS can support you while training.

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- [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/adult-nurse>
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