Accelerated programmes

Accelerated or shortened pre-registration courses are available in certain clinical 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:

- dietetics [8]
- occupational therapy [9]
- physiotherapy [10]
- speech and language therapy [11]

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 [12] and dentistry [13]. These generally take four years instead of the standard five.

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

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

- Entry requirements

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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 [19] 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 [20] or directly to the university where you want to study.

- Recruiting for values

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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 [21].

- Financial support

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

Source URL: https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/graduate-training-opportunities/accelerated-programmes

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