

Accelerated programmes

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

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

- nursing ^[1] – adult ^[2], children's ^[3], learning disabilities ^[4], and mental health ^[5] fields
- diagnostic ^[6] and therapeutic radiography ^[7]
- dietetics ^[8]
- occupational therapy ^[9]
- orthoptics ^[10]
- osteopathy ^[11]
- paramedicine ^[12]
- physiotherapy ^[13]
- podiatry ^[14]
- prosthetics and orthotics ^[15]
- speech and language therapy ^[16]



Graduates can undertake training in two years instead of three or four.

There are also accelerated courses in medicine ^[17] and dentistry ^[18]. These generally take four years instead of the standard five.

You can search for approved accelerated courses using our course finder ^[19]. Alternatively, approved courses, including accelerated programmes, are listed on the websites of the relevant professional body:

- Health and Care Professions Council ^[20]
- Nursing and Midwifery Council ^[21]
- General Medical Council ^[22]
- General Dental Council ^[23]

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**Entry
requirements**

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 ^[24] 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 ^[25] or directly to the university where you want to study.

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Recruiting for values

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 ^[26].

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Financial support

Please visit our financial support page ^[27] 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>

Links

[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing> [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/adult-nurse> [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/childrens-nurse> [4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/learning-disability-nurse> [5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/mental-health-nurse> [6] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/radiographer-diagnostic> [7] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/radiographer-therapeutic> [8] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/dietitian> [9] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/occupational-therapist> [10] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/orthoptist>

[11] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/osteopath> [12] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/paramedic> [13] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/physiotherapist> [14] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/podiatrist> [15] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/roles-allied-health-professions/prosthetistorthotist> [16] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/allied-health-professionals/speech-and-language-therapist> [17] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine> [18] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-career-dental-team> [19] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/looking-course> [20] <http://www.hcpc-uk.org/education/programmes/register> [21] <http://www.nmc-uk.org/Approved-Programmes/> [22] http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/awarding_bodies.asp [23] <http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Education/Pages/Dentist-qualifications.aspx> [24] <http://www.ucas.com/> [25] <http://www.ucas.com/apply> [26] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/working-health/nhs-constitution> [27] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/financial-support-university>