

## Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) Apprenticeship - FAQs

### Who is the programme run by?

Oxford Health NHS Trust Apprenticeship & Development Centre, Learning & Development.

### How long is the programme?

The PWP Apprenticeship programme is a 12-month full-time course.

### What level is the programme delivered at?

Level 6 (equivalent to degree level, results in the award of a Graduate Certificate).

### What does the programme involve?

The programme combines academic and work-based learning and comprises 3 modules. Each module includes a combination of theoretical learning, skills practice and directed practice-based learning (e.g. shadowing/observation; role-play; self-practice with reflection; problem-based learning).

### How many days per week is the programme?

During the programme, one day per week is protected learning time - taken up as classroom learning, online learning, research, shadowing, self-learning or directed study.

The remainder of the time (four days per week) is on-the-job training within a partner IAPT service.

### How is the programme assessed?

Each module includes academic (e.g. essay) and clinical competency assessments (e.g. role-play, recording of clinical work).

Throughout the programme, you will also be expected to complete a Clinical Practice Outcomes Portfolio to demonstrate that you have achieved the relevant competencies for the PWP role.

Each of the modules and the Portfolio must be passed to complete the training programme. Once this has been achieved and you are demonstrating that you are consistently working at or above the expected standard, you will complete your End Point Assessment. This allows you to demonstrate the full PWP competencies which you have acquired during your training year.

### What happens at the end of the programme?

On successful completion of the programme, apprentices will be equipped with the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes and behaviours relevant to employment as a qualified PWP.

### What are the entry requirements for the programme?

Minimum level 5 qualification (e.g. Foundation Degree, Diploma HE) and Maths and English GCSE grade A-C, or Functional Skills Level 2.

Apprentices without Maths and English GCSE grade A-C, or Functional Skills Level 2, can achieve this during the apprenticeship and support will be available.

**How do I apply for the programme?**

Access to the programme is gained through employment with a partner IAPT service (TalkingSpace Plus in Oxfordshire and Healthy Minds in Buckinghamshire).

These services will have their own requirements for the role, including previous experience working within mental health.

**Who can I contact about the programme?**

PWP Apprenticeship Team - [pwpprenticeship@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:pwpprenticeship@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

For more information, please see the PWP Apprenticeship standard - <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner/>