

KEY PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Originating institution(s) Bournemouth University		Faculty responsible for the programme Faculty of Health, Environment and Medical Sciences	
Apprenticeship Standard Enhanced Clinical Practitioner STO895		Assessment Plan STO895 Assessment Plan	
End Point Assessment type Non-integrated 1) Quality Improvement Proposal Report 2) Professional discussion underpinned by portfolio	Main training provider Bournemouth University	Approved sub-contractors N/A	
Apprenticeship model Non-integrated level 6 higher apprenticeship delivered with a BU level 7 Postgraduate Certificate			
Final award(s), title(s) and credit Level 7- Postgraduate Certificate in Enhanced Clinical Practice (60 credits over four units)			
Intermediate award(s), title(s) and credits Nil			
UCAS Programme Code(s) (where applicable and if known) N/A	HECoS (Higher Education Classification of Subjects) Code and balanced or major/minor load. Not Available	LARS (Learning Aims Reference) code 631	
External reference points IATE standards Enhanced clinical practitioner / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education HEE summary of principles Testing accessibility document (skillsforhealth.org.uk) DoH Advanced Level Nursing Position Statement dh_121738.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)			
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) links No PSRB links to programme, though note IATE requirements of commencement			
Locations of off-the-job training delivery Bournemouth Lansdown Campus Bournemouth Yeovil Remotely at students' discretion Experiential learning organised between student and clinical mentor			
Mode(s) of delivery Full time (apprenticeship)		Language of delivery English	

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Typical duration PGT October start (18 months) PGT April start (18 months)	
Date of first intake October 2023	Expected start dates Up to three intakes per year commencing October 2025
Maximum apprentice numbers 120 students divided into a maximum of 40 students per intake, over three intakes per year. Please note, this maximum figure is shared with the Grad Cert Enhanced Clinical Practice programme.	
Partner(s) N/A	Partnership model N/A
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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Programme Award and Title: Postgraduate Certificate in Enhanced Clinical Practice									
Level 7 Students are required to complete all units of the programme. No option units are linked to the programme. Please note Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Practice will launch in year 1 but straddle into year 2									
Unit Name	Core/ Option	No. of Credits	Assessment Element Weightings				Expected Contact hours per unit	Unit Version No.	HECoS Code (plus balanced or major/ minor load)
			Exam 1	Exam 2	Cwk 1	Cwk 2			
* Unit 1 Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice	Core	20	Pass/ Fail	Pass/ Fail	100%		42	1.1	
* Unit 2 Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Core	20			100%		30	1.0	
* Unit 3 Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Core	20	100%				40	1.1	
* Unit 4 Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Core	Non Credit Bearing			Pass/ Fail		25	1.0	
Exit qualification: Postgraduate Certificate in Enhanced Clinical Practice									
Please note, units with * are already approved and delivered by FHSS									
Apprentices who successfully complete the End Point Assessment are eligible for the award of the apprenticeship, whether or not they pass the credit bearing units listed above. In this instance they will receive the award of the IATE apprenticeship, but not the additionally added credit bearing qualification.									

AIMS OF THE DOCUMENT

The aims of this document are to:

- define the structure of the programme;
- specify the programme award titles;
- articulate how the programme will enable apprentices to demonstrate the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours of the apprenticeship standard;
- identify programme and level learning outcomes;
- articulate the regulations governing the awards defined within the document.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

This programme aims to develop analytical, innovative, and knowledgeable graduates, who:

- are able to work to an enhanced level of practice within a defined area of expertise
- can utilise enhanced assessment skill and clinical judgement within their specific field
- are able to manage a discreet aspect of a patients care; devising, actioning and evaluating complex care plans
- contribute effectively to the holistic journey of a patient through the wider healthcare setting, assuming an important role in the multi-disciplinary care offered
- contribute to the evolution of their clinical environment through education of themselves and others, supplying clinical leadership and effecting service improvement

The programme aligns with the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education (IATE) 'Enhanced Clinical Practitioner' apprenticeship (ST0895) approved for delivery in 2021. This programme both offers a development route for new and existing specialist practitioners, but also an opportunity for service providers to delineate between Enhanced and Advanced clinical practice. This also aligns with declared NHS workforce planning.

The programme can be completed at both level 6 or level 7, reflecting the variable requirements of the target vocational environments. Successful completion of level 6 study can be awarded as Graduate Certificate in Enhanced Clinical Practice or may contribute credits to a BSc.

Graduates of the programme at level 6 will have a clear academic progression route to the existing MSc Advanced Clinical Practice Apprenticeship. This synergises well with BU fusion strategy and with declared intentions of DoH. Practitioners following this trajectory could include Advanced Clinical Practitioners, Nurse and Allied Health Practitioner Consultants and Specialist Interventionists. Please note, due to the flexible nature of emergent healthcare, these examples represent only a small selection of potential clinical advancement trajectories. For those students choosing to pursue a managerial progression route, Bournemouth University's Senior Leadership Apprenticeship offers opportunities for advancement.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

The programme is informed by and aligned with BU 2025 strategic plan and fusion agenda. Information about BU vision, values and strategic plan can be found here ([BU2025: our vision, values and strategic plan | Bournemouth University](#)).

Values

Striving to excel within a defined clinical field lies at the heart of the Enhanced Clinical Practitioner programme. Students will be guided on how to achieve this and challenged to reach their potential. Sustaining this level of excellence after conclusion of the programme lies at the core of the syllabus. It is envisioned that graduates will become ambassadors for BU's commitment to supporting and sustaining clinical excellence.

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The Enhanced Practitioner programme focuses on giving students a firm understanding of the assessment and diagnostic process. This knowledge can be employed to widely varying areas of speciality within healthcare. Sharing experiences of assessment and management of patients from the full spectrum of healthcare will form a cornerstone of the programme. The programme will be valuable to nurses and allied health professionals. Representing this diversity within the learning space will benefit all who contribute to the course.

Students on the Enhanced Clinical Practitioner programme will be empowered to become agents of change within their clinical environment. They will explore topics of advocacy, leadership, and service improvement throughout the programme, becoming dynamic and effective experts within their clinical field.

The programme will focus on collaborate learning, encouraged through topical debate. In the clinical space and in the learning environment, students will be challenged to consider their evolving role as educators and role-models.

Fusion Learning

The Enhanced Clinical Practitioner programme will be delivered in a dynamic fashion. Students will be encouraged to share their personalised experience of enhanced practice and reflecting on how the experience of other students influences their own practice. The learning environment will constitute a safe space to explore concepts of assessment, diagnostics, and clinical management. A portfolio of learning approaches will be utilised through employment of simulation, case review, sharing of experiences and planning for service improvement. Formative assessment will feature as a tool for insight throughout. Summative assessments will be linked to learning objectives in a transparent and applicable fashion.

The essential role of mentors in the clinical environment will be supported and empowered through the apprenticeship framework. Mentors and students will be aided in applying theoretical concepts to the clinical space, with guidance available for clinical partners in maximising placement learning.

Strategic Goals

The Enhanced Clinical Practitioner programme will position mentors, students and educators as partners in learning, with support for all parties to ensure effective collaboration. In this way, BU will be positioned well at the heart of an Enhanced Clinical Practice network, encouraging collaboration throughout the programme duration, this will contribute to promoting BU as a partner of choice for apprenticeship based clinical programmes in the region.

LEARNING HOURS AND ASSESSMENT

Apprentices will usually be taught by a combination of senior academic staff with others who have relevant expertise including – where appropriate according to the content of the unit – academic staff, qualified professional practitioners, demonstrators/technicians and research apprentices.

Bournemouth University taught programmes are composed of units of study, which are assigned a credit value indicating the amount of learning undertaken. For units bearing academic credits, the commencing credit value of a unit is normally 20 credits, above which credit values normally increase at 20-point intervals. 20 credits is the equivalent of 200 study hours required of the apprentice, including lectures, seminars, assessment and independent study, leading to achievement of associated subject matter. 20 University credits are equivalent to 10 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. Units of study that do not bear academic credits will contain content requiring less than 200 hours of study and will have the non-credit bearing status reflected in the method of assessment.

The assessment workload for a unit should consider the total time devoted to study, including the assessment workload (i.e., formative and summative assessment) and the taught elements and independent study workload (i.e., lectures, seminars, preparatory work, practical activities, reading and critical reflection and learning in practice). Students attending the programme will be required to hold a permanent employment in an appropriate clinical area. This will be defined as an area able to support

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the student with exposure to learning opportunities within a defined clinical field and are able to, with agreement by their employer, support the student and nominated mentor in the learning process. The mentor may be clinician of appropriate knowledge and ability within the practice area. A qualification in mentorship or supervision would be desirable; active engagement with the student in their practice learning throughout the programme is a required element of the programme.

Assessment per 20 credit unit should normally consist of 3,000 words or equivalent. Dissertations and Level 6 and 7 Final Projects are distinct from other assessment types. The word count for these assignments is 5,000 words per 20 credits, recognising that undertaking an in-depth piece of original research as the capstone to a degree is pedagogically sound. To capture the range of skills required of an Enhanced Clinical Practitioner, alternative assessment methods will be also employed, both in formative and summative assessment. Where employed these will be relative and reflective of taught content. These will include Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), case study presentation and pitch-and-sell. Each alternate examination structure will conform with equivalency to written examination.

APPRENTICESHIP KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS

The knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) of the apprenticeship standard are evaluated and assessed at the final level of the apprenticeship (e.g., level 5, 6 or 7 depending on the apprenticeship standard). This applies to all judgements made on the KSBs from the skills-scan at the start of the apprenticeship to the end point assessment.

Knowledge	Off-the-job training	Programme ILOs	On-the-job training
Tools and techniques used to systematically search, select and present evidence	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	20%
Techniques to critically appraise evidence such as local and national quality standards and frameworks and ways to relate this to own practice	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	30%
Requirements of their on-going professional registration and code of conduct in relation to their scope of practice such as when and how to escalate or refer in line with defined scope of practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 40%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	60%
How to appraise the relevance of available tools and techniques to the clinical situation and own scope of practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	40%

Legislation, clinical frameworks, contemporaneous evidence-based practice guidelines, outcomes from clinical audit and algorithms to support decision making	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A4, A7, A8 B4, B5 C5, C7 D5, D6	30%
Anatomy and physiology and pathophysiology to support complex holistic patient assessment including the underlying psychological, social and long-term impact of illness	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	40%
Tools and techniques to critically evaluate clinical information to inform decision making and care management planning	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D5, D7	40%
Underpinning anatomy and complex applied physiology, disease, toxicities, treatments and interventions which guide the selection of specialist diagnostics	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 40% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	40%
Methods to support complex intervention decision making aligned to national and international guidelines	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	40%

Principles and theories of co-production, health coaching, peer support and self-management used to build knowledge, skills and confidence to enable patient self-management	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	30%
Diverse sources of information and evidence to underpin decision making and techniques to interpret and assimilate a diverse range of information and evidence	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	40%
Principles and theories of coaching used in supporting others in complex clinical decision making and care delivery	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%
Principles and theories of leadership and role modelling	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	20%
Tools and procedures for conducting a training needs analysis	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	20%
Teaching, learning and assessment theories, techniques, innovations and models relevant to the educational activity including ways to facilitate a positive learning environment	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	20%

Models, tools and frameworks for receiving and providing constructive feedback	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A7 B4, B5 C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	40%
Principles of different communication strategies and theories, communication modes (written, digital, verbal, non-verbal) and clinical communication tools	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	50%
Models and theories for negotiating and mediating, such as de-escalation and diffusing strategies	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 60%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	40%
Communication strategies and tools used to share complex information with different audiences and individuals	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	30%
Principles of change management and co-production to support clinical innovation in the workplace	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 60%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	40%
Local and national approaches and planning processes to support quality improvement	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 75%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	25%
Service evaluation, research and audit techniques to support quality improvement processes within area of enhanced clinical practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	30%

The role and impact of reflection in improving clinical practice and best-practice methods for clinical supervision	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	80%
Signs and pathophysiology of deterioration or distress in mental, physical, cognitive and behavioural health in own scope of practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	40%
Protocols and systems used to plan, prioritise and direct resources within area of enhanced clinical practice and how to escalate to and engage others when working at the boundaries of scope of practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	40%
Evidence-based strategies to manage clinical risk in enhanced clinical practice	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	50%
Principles of psychological well-being, the importance of maintaining own and others well-being and counselling techniques used within own scope of practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	80%
Employer policy and procedures for resource management and reporting	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	30%

Strategies to plan and prioritise resources and manage immediate and longer-term service requirements	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	50%
Local, regional, and national strategic priorities for patient populations within area of specialist practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C3, C4, C5, C6, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%
Principles of mentoring and preceptorship and how these differ from counselling, coaching and teaching	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	70%
Local appraisal policy and systems and own responsibility in relation to appraisal of others	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	60%
Skills	Off-the-job training	Programme ILOs	On-the-job training
Conduct systematic literature searches to source evidence to inform enhanced clinical practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	20%
Critically appraise evidence and use findings to plan and provide enhanced patient-centred clinical care	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	30%

Provide enhanced clinical care in line with professional registration, code of conduct and defined scope of practice, being responsible and accountable for own decisions, actions and omissions	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 10% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	50%
Select available tools, technologies and techniques needed to perform complex and holistic assessments	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 50%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	50%
Assimilate, synthesise and apply complex information to promote and advocate best interests of others, upholding the principles of safeguarding and evidence-based practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 10% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	40%
Undertake holistic patient-centred assessments using available tools, technologies and techniques	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	40%
Analyse the data arising from the assessment process to inform clinical decision-making	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	50%
Identify, request and interpret specialist diagnostics within own scope of practice to inform the delivery and management of specialist care for patients and families	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 30% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	40%

Develop, implement and evaluate an enhanced care management plan which may include interventions and referral to other members of the multidisciplinary team or other agencies	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	50%
Prepare and support patients and families to manage their own health and care as independently as possible	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	50%
Interpret, assimilate and draw conclusions using diverse sources of information and evidence to inform clinical reasoning	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	50%
Direct others to sources of information and evidence, coaching and supporting them in applying information and evidence in complex clinical decision making	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%
Provide leadership within scope of own role and positive role-modelling for others in the multidisciplinary team	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%
Identify training and education needs of others in the workplace	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%

Plan and facilitate the delivery of practice-based education, training and assessment activities	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	60%
Evaluate the effectiveness of training and education activities	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	50%
Use communication strategies suitable for a variety of situations including sensitive and distressing topics	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	40%
Use strategies to manage conflict and challenge	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	50%
Discuss complex information with patients, their families, the multi-disciplinary team and other agencies	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	50%
Challenge ineffective systems and processes and support others to identify the need for change within their area of enhanced clinical practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	40%
Contribute to quality improvement plans and strategies to support a culture of continuous quality improvement within area of enhanced clinical practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	30%

Participate in quality improvement activities, such as audit, service evaluations and research projects within area of enhanced clinical practice	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 60%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	40%
Reflect on own and others' practice using clinical supervision processes	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	50%
Identify and act on evidence of unexpected change or patient deterioration within own scope of practice	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	50%
Manage self and others in unpredictable and complex environments, instigating clinical interventions where protocols may not be available	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 30%	A1, A3, A4, A6 B1, B2, B3, B6 C1, C2, C3, C4 D1, D2	50%
Identify and manage risk to patient safety and others in an unpredictable and complex environment	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A5, A7, A8 B1 C5 D4, D5, D7	50%
Counsel patients, family, carers and others to manage psychological well-being of self and others	Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 40%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	60%
Contribute to efficient resource management within the workplace	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	50%

Plan, prioritise and deliver enhanced clinical care within a defined resource	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	60%
Contribute to the drafting of business cases or project proposals	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 70% Unit 4- Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice 10%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	20%
Provide mentorship, opportunity for peer-learning and constructive feedback to guide, support, motivate and develop others in the multidisciplinary team	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A7, A8 B4, B5, B6 C5, C6, C7 D5, D6, D7	50%
Contribute to the appraisal of individuals in the multidisciplinary team	Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 50%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	50%
Behaviours	Off-the-job training	Programme ILOs	On-the-job training
Treat people with dignity, respecting individual's diversity, beliefs, culture, needs, values, privacy and preferences	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A2, A4, A5, A6 B2, B4, B6 C2, C3 D1, D2, D4	40%
Show respect and empathy for those you work with	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A2, A7, A8 B4, B5 C6, C7 D3, D5, D6	40%

Be adaptable, reliable and consistent	Unit 1- Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice 20% Unit 2- Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20% Unit 3- Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice 20%	A7 B4, B5 C3, C4, C5, C7 D3, D5, D6, D7	40%
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ENGLISH, MATHS AND BRITISH VALUES

Unit	English	Maths	British values
Enhanced Assessment in Clinical Practice	Introduction to use of clinically focused language in descriptors of conditions and symptoms. Introduction to the relation between language and accuracy in definition and communication	Use of clinical scoring tools in the categorisation of patient condition or disease severity	Exploration of diverse baseline of health in the general population and accommodation of this to ensure equal access to reliable health assessment
Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Discussion of the need to translate language to ensured understanding of complicated concepts by patients. Further exploration of communication methods to avoid error	Use of different values in the examination of clinical data and its application to the diagnostic process	Exploration of the concept of autonomy and personal agency in therapeutic direction
Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Exploring the role of language in the motivation of individuals and organisations to elicit change. The use of language in building a compelling argument	Exploring the role of resource management, including time and budget, in rationalising change in the clinical environment	Discussing how to design service provision to avoid disenfranchisement of client groups
Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Navigate the process of evaluating and communicating professional and personal growth to others	Demonstrating skill in employment of maths ability while leading and/or contributing to the leadership of a clinical service	Representation of the diverse contribution to British Values made by positions of expertise in healthcare

SAFEGUARDING, PREVENT AND CAREERS SUPPORT

Unit	Safeguarding	Prevent	Careers support
Enhanced Assessment in Clinical Practice	Safeguarding as a foundational concept is introduced as part of assessing mental wellbeing. Concepts of categorising and acting on data that informs a patients state of wellness are taught	N/A	Taught content is contextualised in the sense of the new opportunities and risks that are available to them through autonomous assessment. Career development is supported with access sessions from CareersBU
Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice	An emphasis is placed on concepts of holistic therapeutic response and patient centred care in clinical consultation. Active listening and patient advocacy are central to the clinical reasoning model being taught	As part of accurate history taking, students will explore biases in themselves and their patients, and how to act in the patients' interest and when there is a responsibility to the community	Consideration is paid to the wight of responsibility that comes with becoming an independent diagnostician and director of therapy. Content is explored in how to ensure safety while improving diagnostic and therapeutic ability. Career development is supported with access sessions from CareersBU
Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Content considers subjects such as enfranchisement of patients in service improvement	N/A	Skills in regard to project management and managing change in the clinical environment are central to the unit. The applicability of this knowledge to future careers will be emphasised throughout. Career development is supported with access sessions from CareersBU
Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice	Seminars will debate and explore the Enhanced Practitioners role in delivering and curating an environment of effective safeguarding	N/A	Seminars will align with skills valuable in evaluation and promotion of personal and professional ability. This will include content such as effective interviewing practices and identifying evidence of achievement.

INDICATIVE TIMELINE FOR DEMONSTRATING KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND BEHAVIOURS

This is an indicative timeline of when apprentices might typically be able to demonstrate each element of the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours described in the apprenticeship standard. This is intended only as a guideline – the actual timeline will vary for each apprentice, based on prior learning and individual rates of progress.

Mapping KSB development in ECP is problematic due to the diverse nature of apprentices expected and their differing clinical environments. This is recognised in the Apprenticeship Standard. The following timeline is a suggestion and should not be considered milestones.

Year 1

Month	Week1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
1				
2				
3		K4, K5, K6, S4, S5, S6		
4			K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3	
5				K7, K8, K10, K11, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11
6				
7	K24, K25, K26, S24, S25, S26			
8		K17, K18, K19, K27, S17, S18, S19, S27		
9				
10				K20, K21, K22, S20, S21, S22
11				
12	K14, K15, K16, S14, S15, S16			

Year 2

Month	Week1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
1		K28, K29, K30, S28, S29, S30		
2			K9, K12, K13, S12, S13	
3				K32, S32
4				K23, K31
5		S23, S31		B1, B2, B3
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES – AND HOW THE PROGRAMME ENABLES APPRENTICES TO ACHIEVE AND DEMONSTRATE THE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

INTENDED PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

<p>A: Subject knowledge and understanding</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:</p>	<p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p>
<p>A1. Clinical expertise in assessment, consultation and treatment synthesis within a defined scope of practice</p> <p>A2. The role of enhanced clinical practice in management and resolution of urgent or emergency situations within the clinical space</p> <p>A3. Demonstrate an enhanced knowledge of anatomy, physiology and aetiology of disease within a defined scope of practice, with application and adaption to patient need.</p> <p>A4. The role of the enhanced clinician in forming and delivering meaningful holistic plans of care and patient centred care</p> <p>A5. Evaluation and enhancement of ongoing treatment goals and integration of evidence-based practice in the clinical space</p> <p>A6. Communication, empathy and advocacy within the therapeutic process, characterising best practice in patient engagement.</p> <p>A7. Employment and adaption of leadership and change management theory effectively in the clinical space</p> <p>A8. Insight and intervention into the process of managing service improvement within a defined scope of healthcare</p>	<p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (A1 to A8); • seminars (A1, A4, A5, A6); • directed reading (A1, A2, A3, A7, A8); • use of the VLE (A1, A2, A3); • placement (A1 to A8); • workshops (A1, A3, A4, A5, A6); • asynchronous preparatory exercises (A1 to A8) • self directed inquiry (A7, A8) <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSCE (A1, A2, A3); • coursework essays (A1, A2, A3, A7, A8); • case study (A4, A5, A6); • pitch-and-sell (A7, A8); • portfolio of work based learning (A1 to A8).
<p>B: Intellectual skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p>	<p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme outcomes:</p>
	<p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p>

<p>B1. Critically evaluate data related to clinical reasoning and diagnostic acumen in order to manage locally defined healthcare problems</p> <p>B2. Utilise rational and logical analysis in management reasoning to best represent the interests of the patient and act as their advocate</p> <p>B3. Understand the role of holism within the therapeutic process facilitating it's use to improve patient experience and connecting patients to appropriate services</p> <p>B4. Implement, evaluate and encourage evidence-based practice within the clinical environment. Acting as an educator and leader for other members of the multi-disciplinary team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (B1 to B6); • seminars (B2, B3); • directed reading (B1 to B6); • use of the VLE (B5, B6); • workshops (B1, B2, B3, B4); • asynchronous preparatory exercises (B1 to B6); • placement (B1 to B6).
<p>B5. Identify areas for improvement in the clinical area, developing and renewing a culture of excellence within the healthcare team</p> <p>B6. Lead, support and sustain the wider healthcare team in unpredictable and unplanned events, caring for the wellbeing of patients and participants</p>	<p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSCE (B1, B6); • coursework essays (B1, B2, B5, B6); • case study (B2, B3, B4); • pitch-and-sell (B4, B5); • portfolio of work based learning (B1 to B6).
<p>C: Practical skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p>	<p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p>
<p>C1. Demonstrate and effectively employ different assessment methods, calculating and evaluating clinical data in the pursuit of diagnostic clarity</p> <p>C2. Demonstrate effective use clinical and management reasoning in determining and encouraging empathetic, patient-centered therapeutic relationships</p> <p>C3. Demonstrate an ability to communicate complicated healthcare processes to members of the team and public, acting as a facilitator of understanding</p> <p>C4. Demonstrate an ability to rationalize and employ different interventions dependent on clinical and situational need</p>	<p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (C1 to C7); • seminars (C2, C3); • asynchronous preparatory exercises (C1 to C7); • workshops (C1, C2, C3, C4); • use of the VLE (C1, C3, C4); • group exercises (C5, C6, C7).

<p>C5. Promote and maintain an environment of expertise and evidence-based practice, contributing to the improvement and progression of colleagues</p> <p>C6. Design and defend a meaningful case for change in relation to service improvement within a defined area of practice.</p> <p>C7. Determine understanding of how interpersonal relations can be affected to harness and drive change within the clinical space</p>	<p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSCE (C1, C3, C4); • coursework essays (C1, C2, C4, C6); • case study (C2, C4, C5); • pitch-and-sell (C6, C7); • portfolio of work based learning (C1 to C7).
<p>D: Transferable skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p>	<p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p>
<p>D1. Collect and appraise data in relation to a relevance in addressing a clinical need</p> <p>D2. Understand the need for patient empowerment in healthcare and contribute to it's presence within modern healthcare</p> <p>D3. Identify and address knowledge gaps in within their own practice</p> <p>D4. Practice autonomously in the planning, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of intervention care within a wider episode of care</p> <p>D5. Recognise and support the efforts of others, both colleagues and patients, in the pursuit of improvement and education</p> <p>D6. Engage in effective self-reflection in the evaluation and improvement of ability and impact within healthcare</p> <p>D7. Define, implement and complete successful management of change, with regard to employment and leadership of personnel.</p>	<p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (D1 to D7); • seminars (D2, D4, D6); • workshops (D1, D2, D3, D4, D6); • asynchronous preparatory exercises (D1 to D7); • use of the VLE (D1, D3, D6); • directed reading (D1 to D7); • group work (D3, D4, D5, D7). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSCE (D1, D3, D4, D5); • coursework essays (D1, D3, D4, D7); • case study (D2 TO D6); • pitch-and-sell (D6, D7); • portfolio of work based learning (D1 to D7).

Programme Skills Matrix

Units		Programme Intended Learning Outcomes													
		A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
Level 7	Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice	■	■	■						■					
	Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice		■		■	■	■				■	■	■		
	Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice							■	■				■	■	■
	Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice							■	■				■	■	

Units		Programme Intended Learning Outcomes													
		C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7
Level 7	Enhanced Assessment Skills for Clinical Practice	■		■					■			■			
	Clinical Reasoning and Decision Making in Enhanced Clinical Practice		■	■	■	■				■	■	■	■		
	Leadership and Change in Enhanced Clinical Practice					■	■	■					■	■	■
	Guiding Professional Development in Enhanced Clinical Practice					■	■						■	■	

ADMISSION REGULATIONS

The regulations for this programme are the University's Standard Undergraduate/Postgraduate/Graduate Diploma/Graduate Certificate Admission Regulations.

The entry requirements for this programme can be found at: [PG Cert Enhanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship | Bournemouth University](#)

Bournemouth University Apprenticeship Board and Admissions Group are currently exploring a institutional approach to admission requirements for apprenticeships, so please be aware that the following is a proposal based on current understanding and may alter to align with future unified application criteria.

In order to commence on the programme, in line with modern Apprenticeship requirements, students place of work must be in a stable clinical environment suitable to the requirements of the role and conducive to acting in the capacity of Enhanced Clinical Practice. They must also have a nominated mentor experienced in clinical assessment, diagnostics, and management. They must be willing to commit to the facilitation of work-based learning. Examples of appropriate mentor include, but are not limited to, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Enhanced Clinical Practitioner or Specialist nurse/practitioner, though note this is not an exhaustive list. The mentor must be experienced and currently practicing within the same specialty that the student intends to practice. If the mentor is changed during the course of the programme students are required to consult programme lead to review proposed replacement mentor. The student must also have agreement from their employer that they are willing to support their study throughout the length of the programme and any related End Point Assessment process. In addition to above apprenticeship requirements, students must hold a professional registration with a recognised healthcare regulatory body.

Students must also provide evidence of qualification at Level 2 in English and Maths to commence the programme. This is a requirement of commencement of End Point Assessment for the IATE apprenticeship

When linked to an apprenticeship, students must engage in an assessment of existing ability in relation to learning objectives identified by that related apprenticeship, referred to as KSBs (Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours). The student must produce this as part of the application process and before admission to the programme. The University's standard RPL credit allowances apply to students with relevant prior learning.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

Graduates of the ECP programme at level 7 may continue study at this level where a further 120 credits could be combined with credits from this programme to award an MA Professional Practice. This would allow continuation of study at BU and satisfy DoH progression intentions for ECPs. This synergises well with BU fusion strategy. Additionally, this aligns with the progression route identified by IATE. To reflect this, achievement of qualification in in Enhanced Clinical Practice at level 6 or level 7 will satisfy the academic component of application for MSc Advanced Clinical Practice.

In order to take advantage of exciting new approaches to learning and teaching, as well as developments in industry, the current, approved Articulation/Recognition/Progression route(s) for this programme may be subject to change. Where this happens students will be informed and supported by the faculty as early as possible.

Recognition arrangements provide formally approved entry or progression routes through which apprentices are eligible to apply for a place on a programme leading to a BU award. Recognition does not guarantee entry onto the BU receiving programme only eligibility to apply. In some cases, additional entry criteria such as a Merit classification from the feeder programme may also apply. Please see the [recognition register](#) for a full list of approved Recognition arrangements and agreed entry criteria.

ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The regulations for this programme are the University's Standard Undergraduate / Postgraduate / Foundation degree / Higher National / Graduate Diploma / Graduate Certificate Assessment Regulations.

OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING DELIVERY

Off-job training will be delivered by day release. This will be a combination of scheduled taught content via defined units and guidance on application of knowledge in the clinical space. The programme will be 68 weeks in length, students working 30 hours per week or more who have no RPL of KSB will be expected to complete 483 hours of off-job training. Direct delivery of learning equates to 125 hours, with 358 hours attributed to self-directed study. This will include preparatory study for taught session and linked assessments. Additionally, it will be employed in learning towards application of KSBs in the clinical space, and curation of a portfolio of evidence required as part of the End Point Assessment process. Students will be guided to satisfying this requirement through a multifocal approach. It is the student's responsibility to record and maintain evidence of off-job training hours completed. Apprentices will be supported in this through apprenticeship compliance software named BUD. At defined milestones each student's logged hours will be compared to the expected amount by that point of the programme. Those students not achieving this expected amount will be contacted and supported. A portfolio of exercises linked to preparation or follow-on from taught content will be curated, each with an expected amount of hours to complete. Templates for documenting and exploring experiential learning opportunities will be available to each student. Off-job training will be scrutinised by Tripartite at regular intervals.

CAREERS SUPPORT

Application of practical knowledge is a cornerstone principle in programme design in the Enhanced Clinical Practice programme. Apprentices will be encouraged at all times to implement skills learnt into their clinical practice and reflect on their effect. The concept of service development and career development are embedded principals in the third unit of study, where students will be encouraged to consider their development after conclusion of the programme. In addition to these processes, CareerBU have committed to hosting workshops supporting career progression, which will be available to apprentices on the programme.

APPROVED SUB-CONTRACTORS

Not applicable