

MAMMOGRAPHY ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP

LEVEL 4

**COURSES RUN
ANNUALLY EVERY
FEBRUARY AND SEPTEMBER**

What is it?

The Mammography Associate Apprenticeship was developed to address the national skills shortage in Radiography and Mammography. Upon successful completion, the resultant qualification will be a Level 4 Apprenticeship certificate.

Delivered by experienced clinical professionals at the Jarvis National Breast Education Centre in collaboration with the Royal Free NHS London Foundation Trust.

The programme offers students the opportunity to work in a multi-disciplinary team within a hospital or in a community setting, undertaking mammography of individuals as part of a breast screening programme or on individuals with symptoms of breast disease.

It will provide the necessary skills to produce mammography images of consistently high quality to meet the rigorous NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) standards.

Entry requirements

- Employed in a breast screening or symptomatic unit.
- 18 years or older.
- Legally allowed to work in England, and have lived here for the last three years.
- Level 2 English and Maths or equivalent. Any applicant that does not have these qualifications, may be able to achieve them as part of the programme, but they must be completed prior to the end point assessment.



Programme of study

- Clinical Mammography, Mammography Science, Quality Assurance, Professional Practice, Team Working and Health and Safety
- The teaching team will include experienced healthcare professionals, clinical trainers and lecturers
- Programme duration: 12 months (minimum) – 18 months (maximum).

You will develop the following core behaviours to ensure a high-quality patient experience:

- Treat individuals with dignity, respecting their beliefs, culture, values and preference
- Adopt an empathic approach and demonstrate discretion
- Demonstrate courage to challenge areas of concern
- Be adaptable and responsive to changing service needs.

Delivery

- One week of intensive block release to attend online lectures
- One day attendance for practical teaching
- Work alongside your work-based mentor and other experts in your department to develop and evidence professional practice and behaviours
- Access to a dedicated e-learning platform providing customised resources and guidance
- Receive protected time at work to complete course work
- 3 monthly progress meetings
- Monthly 1:1 progress and well being meetings
- Continuous teaching sessions throughout the year of study.

Assessment

- A portfolio of professional practice evidencing knowledge, understanding, skills and professional behaviours
- On completion of portfolio and achievement of 500 mammograms progression to gateway
- End Point Assessment (EPA) – 90 minute multiple choice examination
- Discussion to assess knowledge, skills and behaviours across all of the domains within the apprenticeship standards
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Funding

1. Apprenticeship levy employers with a pay bill over £3 million each year, pay the apprenticeship levy. Levy paying employers can spend their apprenticeship levy funding on apprenticeship training.
2. Reserve government co-investment: Employers that do not pay the apprenticeship levy can reserve funding; the government pays 95% of the training costs and the employer pays 5%.
3. Levy transfers: Levy paying employers can transfer some of their annual levy to other employers. These transfers cover 100% of the training costs of the apprenticeship.



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