

Degree Apprenticeships

A Higher or Degree Apprenticeship (DA) combines full-time paid work and part-time university study through a blended learning approach.

Apprentices are employed and paid throughout the programme and spend part of their time at university and the rest with their employer. This gives students the opportunity to gain a full Bachelors or Masters degree while undertaking practical, on-the-job training, underpinned with work-based projects.

Degree Apprenticeship programmes are developed by the University in partnership with employers and professional bodies.



Top tips

1. Apprenticeships are delivered through 'Apprenticeship Standards' - these show what an apprentice will be doing and the skills required of them, by job role. The IfA website is a great place to see the 'Standards' that are approved or are undergoing approval
2. 'Standards' are developed by employer-led groups known as 'trailblazers' and are published as they are approved. Don't trailblaze a new Standard in a subject area with limited potential for partnerships. DA programmes need a large corporate sector to be successful
3. Designing and delivering these programmes requires academic staff with capacity for, and interest in, this non-standard style of delivery
4. Academics who already have experience in developing and delivering blended learning content are a huge asset to programme development.
5. Senior stakeholder support from a very early stage is essential

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