

Level 6 Enhanced Clinical Practitioner

The Level 6 Enhanced Clinical Practitioner apprenticeship empowers healthcare organisations with highly capable clinicians who can operate with increased autonomy, advanced clinical reasoning, and confident decision-making. Apprentices will strengthen their ability to deliver safe, effective and person-centred care while applying evidence-based practice to improve outcomes across their service area. They will develop the leadership behaviours needed to influence multidisciplinary teams, drive quality improvement, and contribute to service development within their scope of practice. With the opportunity to specialise in an area aligned to their clinical field, apprentices will return to the workplace equipped to manage complex cases, support specialist pathways, and enhance the overall patient experience through professionally grounded, compassionate practice.

Apprentices can select an area of specialism related to their scope of specialist practice – the available specialisms are:

- Cardiovascular
- Respiratory
- Diabetes
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Mental Health
- Nursing

Who's it for?

This apprenticeship is ideal for experienced healthcare professionals who are ready to enhance their clinical practice and take on greater responsibility in patient care. It suits clinicians looking to develop enhanced assessment, decision making, and leadership skills within their field. Typical learners include those working in roles such as nursing, allied health, or specialist clinical services who want to expand their scope of practice and contribute more confidently to service improvement and multidisciplinary teamwork.

Typical job roles for this apprenticeship include: Pharmacy Technician, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Primary Care Practitioner

Why use Buttercups

- ✓ Programmes designed and delivered by industry experts
- ✓ Dedicated Buttercups tutor, qualified in their specialist subject area
- ✓ Work-based and practical learning embedded into the apprentice's role
- ✓ 24/7 access to programme materials, enrichment resources, study support and specialist insight via our virtual learning platform
- ✓ Blended and flexible delivery to suit different learning styles
- ✓ No day release required – apprenticeship completed entirely from the workplace
- ✓ Progression pathways that can take you from entry level to specialist expert
- ✓ Dedicated Functional Skills support if required



Programme overview

Apprenticeship standard: Enhanced Clinical Practitioner

Cost: £7,000

Duration: 18 months (inc. 3 months EPA)

Entry requirements

To be eligible for this programme, apprentices will need to be:

- Registered as a healthcare professional with a recognised UK health regulator, specifically the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), or the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Employed in a clinical setting – clinical settings are broadly defined and include, but are not limited to, hospital ward environments, general practice surgeries, care homes, and private healthcare facilities

Prepare for the challenges of tomorrow

Get ahead of evolving workforce skills needs

Every Buttercups apprentice has access to BPP's exclusive Emerging Skills programme.

Comprised of four bespoke courses, the programme combines expertise from BPP, Microsoft and xUnlocked to give learners essential knowledge and skills in the rapidly emerging areas of AI, cyber security and sustainability.

- ✓ Available to all learners at no extra cost
- ✓ Accessible anytime, anywhere via our virtual learning platform
- ✓ Self-paced learning to fit into any busy schedule



Programme contents

Generative AI Fundamentals (Four modules)

Developed by BPP's expert data scientists, this course offers an introduction to working with Generative AI effectively, safely and ethically.

Introduction to Sustainability (Six modules)

Developed in partnership with sustainability experts, xUnlocked, this course builds fundamental knowledge on sustainability and sustainable working practices.

Microsoft AI and Security Essentials (Seven modules)

This course begins with a core AI Essentials pathway, followed by a choice between AI Fundamentals or Security. Microsoft digital badges are awarded throughout, with the option to earn a recognised Microsoft Certification upon completion.

Cyber Security (Three modules)

Designed by BPP's cyber experts, this course provides a clear and practical introduction to the importance of cyber security, the most common attack techniques everyone should be aware of, and the fast-changing digital threat landscape.

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Delivery model

Online: flexible learning that fits busy schedules, with Virtual Classroom teaching sessions.

18-month programme (inc. EPA)



 Units  End Point Assessment

Apprenticeship standard

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Delivered by

 [Buttercups](#)

Qualification achieved

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Time commitment*

-  **13-14 hours** guided self-study, per unit, via the Buttercups b-Hive online learning platform
-  **15 hours** in online live Virtual Classroom sessions
-  **1 hour** progress review, every eight weeks
-  **6 hours** per week in off-the-job learning, during working hours

*On average.

Programme units

Communication Skills as an Enhanced Clinical Practitioner

- Communication skills and methods
- Meeting needs of individuals
- Professionalism
- Introduction to problem solving and decision making
- Working practices

Critical Thinking and Professional Judgements When Making Decisions

- Critical thinking skills e.g., arguments, assumptions, bias
- Decision-making skills including collaborative and interpersonal
- Professional judgements
- Coaching
- Problem solving
- Teaching learning and assessment theories
- Feedback models

Research and Leadership Skills of an Enhanced Clinical Practitioner

- Leading yourself and a team
- Risk management
- Audit and quality improvement
- Regulation
- Data collection and analysis
- Project management skills
- Preparing and delivering teaching and learning sessions

The Theory of Diagnostics, Screening and Testing

- Laboratory testing (blood/urine/other bodily samples)
- Introduction to NHS screening and testing services e.g., cardiovascular risk, sexual health checks
- Introduction to medicines optimisation
- Monitoring of high-risk medicines
- Pharmacokinetics related to therapeutic drug monitoring

Clinical Skills Development

- **Pharmacy Technician Pathway** – learners select one specialism related to their scope of practice:
 - Cardiovascular
 - Respiratory
 - Diabetes
 - Antimicrobial Stewardship
 - Mental Health
- **Nursing Pathway** – learners will study:
 - Focused assessment and pattern recognition
 - Pathophysiology driven reasoning
 - Justified diagnostic ordering
 - Boundary recognition
 - Effective referral

Preparing for Gateway

- Gateway requirements
- Preparing a proposal
- Professional discussion skills
- End Point Assessment requirements