

Course Specification Template (Apprenticeships)

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the course and the learning outcomes that a typical learner might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if they take full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided.

We undertake continuous review of our courses to ensure quality enhancement and professional relevance, in response to learner and other stakeholder feedback and to manage our resources. As a result, this course may be revised during a learner's period of registration. Major changes to courses and modifications to courses are approved following consideration through the University's Course Approval and Review processes or Course and Unit Modification policy, as appropriate. Any changes will be balanced against our obligations to learners as set out in our Student Agreement and Apprentice Agreement and will be discussed with and communicated to learners in an appropriate and timely manner.

Basic Course Information

Final award and title	BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship)		
FHEQ level and credit of final award	FHEQ Level 6 360 credits		
Intermediate awards titles	Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE) Therapeutic Studies Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE) Therapeutic Studies Bachelor of Science (BSc) Therapeutic Studies Aegrotat and intermediate exit awards do not convey eligibility to apply for registration with the HCPC		
FHEQ level and credit of intermediate award	Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE) Therapeutic Studies – Level 4, 120 credits Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE) Therapeutic Studies - Level 5, 240 credits Bachelor of Science (BSc) Therapeutic Studies – Level 6, 300 credits		
Awarding Institution	Health Sciences University		
Teaching Institution	Health Sciences University		
Apprenticeship	Occupational Therapist		
Apprenticeship Code	ST0517	Apprenticeship Level	6
End Point Assessment Type	Integrated		
Apprenticeship Duration	36 Months		

Planned off the job learning hours protected learning time	2495 Hours
End Point Assessment preparation hours after gateway	0
Apprenticeship review date	2026
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation/recognition	Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)
Duration of PSRB accreditation/ recognition where applicable)	
Mode of study	Hybrid
Distance Learning- Proportion of the course	See Appendix 4 for breakdown of learning hours
Standard length of course	36 months / 3 years
Language of delivery	English
Place of delivery	Health Sciences University, Bournemouth
UCAS code (where applicable)	Not Applicable
HECOS Code(s)	100249
Date Course initially approved	Enter date
Version number	1
Date this version approved	<i>Date of final External Panel Approval</i>
Academic year from which this applies	2025/26
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Course Overview

1. Admissions regulations and entry requirements

Admissions Regulations

The regulations for this Course are the University's Standard Admission Regulations which may be found from the University's [Academic Policies and Procedures webpage](#). These regulations include the general entry requirements and specific requirements regarding English language.

Following your application, you will need a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. It is standard for all UK students. You are required to have an occupational health screening prior to commencement on the course.

To comply with the requirements of HCPC, the English as a second language requirements are higher than for other undergraduate programmes. The requirements are for the standard equivalent to level 7.0 of the International Language Testing System, with no element below 6.5. The test covers reading, writing, listening and speaking. Alternatively, the requirements for the Occupational English Test (OET), individuals must have no individual sub-test score below 300 and an overall minimum score 1400.

Entry Requirements

The detailed entry requirements for the course may be found from the relevant course page on the University's [website](#).

The entry requirements for the course are the following:

- Learners must have GCSE pass (A-C or 4-9) English and Maths or equivalent e.g. level 2 functional skills in English and Maths. **AND**
- Level 5 qualification i.e. FdSc Assistant Practitioner **OR**
- Three A Levels BBC or above **OR**
- BTEC: DMM or above . **OR**
- Access to HE Diploma: A total of 112-120 UCAS points in a relevant Access to HE Diploma **OR**
- International Baccalaureate: Overall grade of 30-32 points or higher I. **OR**
- T Level: Merit .

As this is an Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education integrated degree, the learner, employer and university must also adhere to the requirements set for the [Occupational Therapist Apprenticeship](#) and the [eligibility funding criteria of the Department for Education](#) and be employed with full employer support.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

An initial assessment of your knowledge, skills and behaviours will be undertaken as part of the process for determining eligibility for admission to the apprenticeship. This will include consideration of:

- Prior education, training or associated qualifications in a related subject area, including any previous apprenticeships undertaken
- Learning or competence gained from prior work experience.

The University has a Recognition of Prior Learning Policy which can be found in the [University's Recruitment, Selection and Admission Policy and Procedure for Taught Courses](#).

2. Aims of the course

The aims of the course are to:

- Develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to meet the standards of proficiency to register as an occupational therapist with the HCPC.
- Develop knowledge of the underpinning sciences, including occupational science, and an applied understanding of the centrality of occupation to support and facilitate health and wellbeing of individuals, communities and populations, through work in the public, independent, private and third sectors.
- Develop the breadth and depth of knowledge, competence, autonomy, reasoning and compassion required to provide exceptional, professional, person-centred care and support,

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within the professional, regulatory, legal and ethical frameworks of the profession, to support the achievement of people's occupational aspirations.

- Develop occupational therapists equipped with the professional reasoning and problem-solving skills to underpin safe and effective practice, promoting health and well-being through the therapeutic use of occupation and/or the enablement of occupation and meaningful activities
- Develop occupational therapists who ensure the well-being of service users is protected at all times, respecting and upholding the dignity, values and autonomy of all service users.
- Develop an appreciation of the impact of culture, social and health disparities, diversity and human rights on practice enabling graduates to practise in a non-discriminatory and inclusive manner
- Equip graduates with highly effective and sensitive communication skills
- Develop the skills to support the formation and maintenance of successful collaborative partnerships directly with service users but also with families, carers, other agencies and professionals to ensure the provision of the highest quality person-centered service.
- Train Occupational Therapists that practice autonomously, based on the best available evidence and in line with local, national and professional body guidelines to transform to support health and wellbeing and more broadly, in health promotion and public health.
- Produce practitioners that can research, evaluate and improve practice, support the training and development of others and can innovate, influence and lead change that enhances outcomes, service provision and the development of the occupational therapy profession.
- Develop reflective, critical practitioners with a commitment to lifelong learning to develop personal and professional skills within the professional and broader community of health, education and social care practitioners
- Equip graduates with the capabilities to succeed in a rapidly changing working environment and to contribute and adopt emerging practices.

3. Course Learning Outcomes and Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours (KSBs): what apprentices will be expected to achieve as set out in the Apprenticeship Standard

The **KSBs and learning outcomes mapping document** ([Appendix 2](#)) shows the relationship between the KSBs and ILOs for units and the overarching KSBs and ILOs of the course.

Knowledge	<p>K1: The importance of continuing professional development throughout own career.</p> <p>K2: The importance of safeguarding, signs of abuse and relevant safeguarding processes.</p> <p>K3: What is required of them by the Health and Care Professions Council, including but not limited to the Standards of conduct, performance and ethics.</p> <p>K4: That relationships with service users, carers and others should be based on mutual respect and trust.</p> <p>K5: The importance of valid consent.</p> <p>K6: The importance of capacity in the context of delivering care and treatment.</p> <p>K7: The scope of a professional duty of care.</p> <p>K8: Legislation, policies and guidance relevant to own profession and scope of practice.</p> <p>K9: The effect of legislation on the delivery of care.</p>
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	<p>K10: The importance of own mental and physical health and wellbeing strategies in maintaining fitness to practise.</p> <p>K11: How to take appropriate action if own health may affect own ability to practise safely and effectively, including seeking help and support when necessary.</p> <p>K12: The need for active participation in training, supervision and mentoring in supporting high standards of practice, and personal and professional conduct, and the importance of demonstrating this in practice.</p> <p>K13: Equality legislation and how to apply it to own practice.</p> <p>K14: The duty to make reasonable adjustments in practice.</p> <p>K15: The characteristics and consequences of barriers to inclusion, including for socially isolated groups.</p> <p>K16: That regard to equality, diversity and inclusion needs to be embedded in the application of all HCPC standards and across all areas of practice.</p> <p>K17: When disclosure of confidential information may be required.</p> <p>K18: The principles of information and data governance and the safe and effective use of health, social care and other relevant information.</p> <p>K19: The need to ensure confidentiality is maintained in all situations in which service users rely on additional communication support, such as interpreters or translators.</p> <p>K20: The concepts of confidentiality and informed consent extend to all mediums, including illustrative clinical records such as photography, video and audio recordings and digital platforms.</p> <p>K21: The characteristics and consequences of verbal and non-verbal communication and recognise how these can be affected by difference of any kind including, but not limited to, protected characteristics, intersectional experiences and cultural differences.</p> <p>K22: The need to support the communication needs of service users and carers, such as through the use of an appropriate interpreter.</p> <p>K23: The need to provide service users or people acting on own behalf with the information necessary in accessible formats to enable them to make informed decisions.</p> <p>K24: The values, beliefs, culture, behaviours and interests of service users and carers, through interview and personal discussion.</p> <p>K25: The principles and practices of other health and care professionals and systems and how they interact with own profession.</p> <p>K26: The need to build and sustain professional relationships as both an autonomous practitioner and collaboratively as a member of a team.</p> <p>K27: The qualities, behaviours and benefits of leadership.</p> <p>K28: That leadership is a skill all professionals can demonstrate.</p> <p>K29: The need to engage service users and carers in planning and evaluating diagnostics, and therapeutic interventions to meet own needs and goals.</p> <p>K30: The need to work with those who provide services in and across different sectors, in order to best meet service user's needs.</p> <p>K31: The need to adopt an approach which centres on the service user and establish appropriate professional relationships in order to motivate and involve the service user in meaningful occupation.</p>
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<p>K32: The value of enabling and empowering service users, with the aim of enhancing their access to all services and opportunities available to them.</p> <p>K33: Group dynamics and roles.</p> <p>K34: The need to capitalise, where appropriate, on the dynamics within groups and communities in order to harness the motivation and active involvement of participants.</p> <p>K35: The value of reflective practice and the need to record the outcome of such reflection to support continuous improvement.</p> <p>K36: The value of multi-disciplinary reviews, case conferences and other methods of review.</p> <p>K37: The value of gathering and using data for quality assurance and improvement programmes.</p> <p>K38: The structure and function of the human body, together with knowledge of physical and mental health, disease, disorder and dysfunction relevant to their profession.</p> <p>K39: The role(s) of other professions in health and social care and how they may relate to the role of occupational therapist.</p> <p>K40: The structure and function of health and social care systems and services in the UK.</p> <p>K41: The occupational nature of human beings and how they function in everyday activities such as self-care, productivity and leisure and their changing needs during the lifecycle.</p> <p>K42: The inter-relationship between the person, their environment and their chosen occupation, barriers and enablers in this system and how to change each component as part of rehabilitation.</p> <p>K43: The effect of occupational alienation, dysfunction deprivation and injustice, and the importance of restoring and facilitating opportunities to achieve occupational wellness.</p> <p>K44: Activity and occupation and their relation to and effect on, health, wellbeing and function as part of occupational formulation, diagnosis and therapeutic use of occupation.</p> <p>K45: The theoretical basis of, and the variety of approaches to, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation that focus on occupational outcomes.</p> <p>K46: The need to identify and assess diverse occupational, physical, psychological, cognitive, cultural and environmental needs and problems of service users and carers.</p> <p>K47: The use of the current philosophical models for occupational therapy that focuses on service users and holistic person-centred care, and a person's ability to participate in occupations, taking into account physical, biological, psychological and social factors and the environmental context.</p> <p>K48: The concept of teaching and learning including teaching self-management strategies to service users and carers.</p> <p>K49: A range of research methodologies relevant to own role.</p> <p>K50: The value of research to the critical evaluation of practice.</p> <p>K51: The need to consider the assessment of the health, social care, employment and learning needs of service users including the need for risk assessment and positive risk taking.</p>

	<p>K52: The need to agree the goals and priorities of intervention in relation to occupational needs in partnership with service users, basing such decisions on assessment results.</p> <p>K53: The scientific theories, concepts, principles and professional frameworks underpinning occupational therapy practice.</p> <p>K54: The need to meet the emotional, social, psychological, cognitive and physical health-based occupational needs of service users across a range of practice areas and how this can vary across a range of practice areas.</p> <p>K55: The need to maintain the safety of themselves and others, including service users, carers and colleagues.</p> <p>K56: Relevant health and safety legislation and local operational procedures and policies.</p> <p>K57: Appropriate moving and handling techniques.</p> <p>K58: The role of the profession in health promotion, health education and preventing ill health.</p> <p>K59: How social, economic and environmental factors, wider determinants of health, can influence a person's health and well-being.</p>
Skills	<p>S1: Identify the limits of own practice and when to seek advice or refer to another professional or service.</p> <p>S2: Recognise the need to manage own workload and resources safely and effectively, including managing the emotional burden that comes with working in a pressured environment.</p> <p>S3: Keep own skills and knowledge up to date.</p> <p>S4: Maintain high standards of personal and professional conduct.</p> <p>S5: Engage in safeguarding processes where necessary.</p> <p>S6: Promote and protect the service user's interests at all times.</p> <p>S7: Respect and uphold the rights, dignity, values, and autonomy of service users, including own role in the assessment, diagnostic, treatment and/or therapeutic process.</p> <p>S8: Maintain high standards of care in all circumstances.</p> <p>S9: Exercise a duty of care.</p> <p>S10: Obtain valid consent, which is voluntary and informed, has due regard to capacity, is proportionate to the circumstances and is appropriately documented.</p> <p>S11: Apply legislation, policies and guidance relevant to own profession and scope of practice.</p> <p>S12: Recognise the power imbalance which comes with being a health care professional, and ensure it is not abused for personal gain.</p> <p>S13: Identify own anxiety and stress and recognise the potential impact on own practice.</p> <p>S14: Develop and adopt clear strategies for physical and mental self-care and self-awareness, to maintain a high standard of professional effectiveness and a safe working environment.</p> <p>S15: Recognise that they are personally responsible for, and must be able to, justify their decisions and actions.</p>

S16: Use own skills, knowledge and experience, and the information available, to make informed decisions and / or take action where necessary.

S17: Make reasoned decisions to initiate, continue, modify or cease treatment or the use of techniques or procedures, and record the decisions and reasoning appropriately.

S18: Make and receive appropriate referrals, where necessary.

S19: Exercise personal initiative.

S20: Demonstrate a logical and systematic approach to problem solving.

S21: Use research, reasoning and problem solving skills when determining appropriate actions.

S22: Respond appropriately to the needs of all different groups and individuals in practice, recognising this can be affected by difference of any kind including, but not limited to, protected characteristics, intersectional experiences and cultural differences.

S23: Recognise the potential impact of own values, beliefs and personal biases, which may be unconscious, on practice and take personal action to ensure all service users and carers are treated appropriately with respect and dignity.

S24: Make and support reasonable adjustments in own and others' practice.

S25: Actively challenge barriers to inclusion, supporting the implementation of change wherever possible.

S26: Adhere to the professional duty of confidentiality.

S27: Respond in a timely manner to situations where it is necessary to share information to safeguard service users, carers and/or the wider public and recognise situations where it is necessary to share information to safeguard service users, carers and/or the wider public.

S28: Use effective and appropriate verbal and non-verbal skills to communicate with service users, carers, colleagues and others.

S29: Communicate in English to the required standard for the profession.

S30: Work with service users and/or own carers to facilitate the service user's preferred role in decision-making, and provide service users and carers with the information they may need where appropriate.

S31: Modify own means of communication to address the individual communication needs and preferences of service users and carers, and remove any barriers to communication where possible.

S32: Use information, communication and digital technologies appropriate to own practice.

S33: Actively listen to a service user's occupational narrative and analyse the content in order to plan for the future.

S34: Keep full, clear and accurate records in accordance with applicable legislation, protocols and guidelines.

S35: Manage records and all other information in accordance with applicable legislation, protocols and guidelines.

S36: Use digital record keeping tools, where required.

S37: Work in partnership with service users, carers, colleagues and others.

S38: Contribute effectively to work undertaken as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

	<p>S39: Identify anxiety and stress in service users, carers and colleagues, adapting own practice and providing support where appropriate.</p> <p>S40: Identify own leadership qualities, behaviours and approaches, taking into account the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>S41: Demonstrate leadership behaviours appropriate to own practice.</p> <p>S42: Act as a role model for others.</p> <p>S43: Promote and engage in the learning of others.</p> <p>S44: Ensure intervention reviews are informed by changes in service user's circumstances.</p> <p>S45: Recognise the involvement of public, private and voluntary sector providers in the delivery of health, care and other services which affect occupational performance.</p> <p>S46: Facilitate group work in order to maximise support, learning and change within groups and communities.</p> <p>S47: Work in appropriate partnership with service users in order to evaluate the effectiveness of occupational therapy intervention.</p> <p>S48: Recognise and evaluate the potential of occupational therapy in new and emerging areas of practice.</p> <p>S49: Engage in evidence-based practice.</p> <p>S50: Gather and use feedback and information, including qualitative and quantitative data, to evaluate the responses of service users to own care.</p> <p>S51: Monitor and systematically evaluate the quality of practice, and maintain an effective quality management and quality assurance process working towards continual improvement.</p> <p>S52: Participate in quality management, including quality control, quality assurance, clinical governance and the use of appropriate outcome measures.</p> <p>S53: Evaluate care plans or intervention plans using recognised and appropriate outcome measures, in conjunction with the service user where possible, and revise the plans as necessary.</p> <p>S54: Demonstrate awareness of the principles and applications of scientific enquiry, including the evaluation of treatment efficacy and the research process.</p> <p>S55: Apply the theoretical concepts underpinning occupational therapy, including concepts of:- anatomy- physiology- pathology- human development- ergonomics- biomechanics- psychology- sociology- occupational science.</p> <p>S56: Apply the theoretical concepts underpinning occupational therapy to inform the understanding of physical, emotional and mental health.</p> <p>S57: Analyse activity and occupation and their relation to and effect on, health, wellbeing and function as part of occupational formulation, diagnosis and therapeutic use of occupation.</p> <p>S58: Demonstrate awareness of physical, attitudinal, social, economic, educational, environmental and work-related policies and services and their effect on people within a diverse society.</p> <p>S59: Recognise the value of the diversity and complexity of human behaviour through the exploration of different physical, psychological, cognitive, environmental, social, emotional and spiritual perspectives.</p>
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	<p>S60: Demonstrate awareness of the origins and development of occupational therapy, including the evolution of the profession towards the current emphasis on autonomy and empowerment of individuals, groups and communities.</p> <p>S61: Support others with the facilitation of teaching and learning including teaching self-management strategies to service users and carers.</p> <p>S62: Change own practice as needed to take account of new developments, technologies and changing contexts.</p> <p>S63: Gather appropriate information.</p> <p>S64: Analyse and critically evaluate the information collected.</p> <p>S65: Select and use appropriate assessment techniques and equipment.</p> <p>S66: Undertake and record a thorough, sensitive, and detailed assessment.</p> <p>S67: Undertake or arrange investigations as appropriate.</p> <p>S68: Conduct appropriate assessment or monitoring procedures, treatment, therapy or other actions safely and effectively.</p> <p>S69: Critically evaluate research and other evidence to inform own practice.</p> <p>S70: Engage service users in research as appropriate.</p> <p>S71: Select and use relevant standardised and non-standardised assessment techniques and observation to gather information about the service user's functional and occupational abilities, occupational performance and participation, taking account of the cultural and environmental context.</p> <p>S72: Formulate specific and appropriate care or case management plans including the setting of timescales.</p> <p>S73: Select as appropriate, the specific occupations and activities for use as therapeutic media, taking into account the particular needs of service users.</p> <p>S74: Use the scientific theories, concepts, principles and professional frameworks underpinning occupational therapy practice.</p> <p>S75: Demonstrate awareness of the broad range of occupations and activities that can be used in intervention and how these should reflect the individual's occupational needs and preferences.</p> <p>S76: Select or develop therapeutic media and environments, and adapt these as appropriate to meet service user's needs, build on their abilities and enhance their occupational performance and participation.</p> <p>S77: Demonstrate awareness of relevant health and safety legislation and comply with all local operational procedures and policies.</p> <p>S78: Work safely, including being able to select appropriate hazard control and risk management, reduction or elimination techniques in a safe manner and in accordance with health and safety legislation.</p> <p>S79: Select appropriate personal protective equipment and use it correctly.</p> <p>S80: Establish safe environments for practice, which appropriately manages risk.</p> <p>S81: Apply appropriate moving and handling techniques.</p> <p>S82: Empower and enable individuals, including service users and colleagues, to play a part in managing own health.</p> <p>S83: Engage in occupational health, including being aware of immunisation requirements.</p>
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Behaviours	<p>B1: Use a personalised approach to care enabling the people you work with to bring about change in order to achieve their chosen occupational goals.</p> <p>B2: Enable occupational justice and be an agent for change through actively anti-discriminatory practice with a diverse range of individuals, groups, and communities.</p> <p>B3: Practice improving the economic, social and environmental sustainability of health and care services recognising the interdependence and ensuring belonging for the people we work with.</p> <p>B4: Be professionally curious and evidence-informed to enable lifelong professional and personal development, including exhibiting leadership behaviours.</p>
Core Apprenticeship Curriculum	<p>CAC1: British Values (Democracy, Individual Liberty, Respect and Tolerance, Rule of Law)</p> <p>CAC2: Equality and Diversity</p> <p>CAC3: Further Development of Maths and English</p> <p>CAC4: Careers and Personal Development</p> <p>CAC5: Safeguarding and Prevent</p>
<p>This course provides opportunities for learners to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas:</p>	<p>The methods used to enable outcomes to be achieved and demonstrated are as follows:</p>
<p>Subject Knowledge and Understanding</p> <p>Having successfully completed this course learners will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 The fundamental sciences underpinning occupational therapy practice, including the biomedical - physiological, biochemical, immunological, genetical, environmental, sociological and occupational determinants of health together with the role of the profession in the promotion of good health and wellbeing to improve the health, educational and social outcomes of people. • A2 Occupational Science and the relationship and interaction between the person, the occupation and the environment • A3 Social, educational and psychological theories in relation to health behaviour, skill acquisition and behaviour change. • A4 The ethical, moral, regulatory and legal frameworks relating to the 	<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p> <p>The teaching and learning strategies for this course use a blended learning approach. For the outcomes related to subject knowledge and understanding this includes: clinical skill based activities, enquiry based learning, group discussions, in class discussion, independent project, lectures, multidisciplinary work, online quizzes, peer-led discussions, practice-based learning workshops, problem-based learning, profession-specific group work, reflections, role play, self-assessment, seminars, simulation, small group activities, tutorials, workshops.</p> <p>Assessment Methods</p> <p>The assessment methods for subject knowledge and understanding include: Case Study, Evaluation report, Group presentation, Group project, Leadership report, Podcast, Practice Placement Assessment Portfolio, Presentation, Reflective blog, Reflective essay, Research skills portfolio, Written examination.</p>

<p>execution of appropriate duty of care in occupational therapy practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 Assessment tools, activity analysis, treatments and modes of practice and the nature of contemporary occupational therapy practice • A6 The roles, responsibilities and boundaries of professional specialisms, their relevance to and interactions with occupational therapy and interdisciplinary practice. • A7 Research, outcome measures, audit and information management in the development, evaluation, and enhancement of occupational therapy. 	
<p>Cognitive Skills</p> <p>Having successfully completed this course learners will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1 Source, critically appraise, analyse, evaluate, interpret and apply research to occupational therapy practice • B2 Use their skills, knowledge and experience to implement and evaluate reasoned, evidence-based interventions and management plans • B3 Monitor, review, assess and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and service delivery and contribute to the evolution and enhancement of the profession. • B4 Engage in research-related, service evaluation or audit activity, including dissemination of findings in a variety of ways to a range of stakeholders. 	<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p> <p>The teaching and learning strategies for this course use a blended learning approach. For the outcomes related to cognitive skills this includes: clinical skill-based activities, enquiry-based learning, group discussions, independent project, lectures, multidisciplinary work, peer-led discussions, practice-based learning, problem-based learning, reflections, role play, seminars, simulation, small group activities, tutorials, workshops</p>
	<p>Assessment Methods</p> <p>The assessment methods for cognitive skills include: Practice placement assessment portfolio, case study presentation, evaluation report, group presentation, podcast, reflective blog, reflective essay.</p>
<p>Practical Skills</p> <p>Having successfully completed this course learners will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1 Apply advanced communications skills and behaviour change practices, to support effective occupational therapy practice, whilst respecting the rights, dignity, values and autonomy of service users. • C2 Practice safely and effectively within the legal, ethical, policy and 	<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p> <p>The teaching and learning strategies for this course use a blended learning approach. For the outcomes related to practical skills this includes: clinical skill-based activities, enquiry-based learning, group discussions, in class discussion, independent project, lectures, multidisciplinary work, peer-led discussions, practice-based learning, practice-based learning workshops, problem-based learning, profession-specific group work, reflection, role play, self-assessment, seminars, simulation, small group activities, tutorials, workshops</p>

<p>professional frameworks relevant to the occupational therapy profession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C3 Engage in continued professional development and adapt to the challenges and opportunities of an ongoing career in occupational therapy. • C4 Apply the principles of research to support evidence informed practice to innovate and enhance the practice of occupational therapy. 	<p>Assessment Methods</p> <p>The assessment methods for practical skills include: Career Development Plan, Case study presentation, Evaluation report, Group presentation, Leadership report, Personal statement, Podcast, Poster, Practice placement assessment portfolio, Presentation, Reflective blog, Reflective essay, Reflective portfolio, Report, Research skills portfolio, Viva</p>
<p>Transferable skills</p> <p>Having successfully completed this course learners will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D1 Demonstrate highly effective and sensitive communication skills in all contexts, including to negotiate, mediate and influence others • D2 Effectively manage time, organise and prioritise tasks to work effectively independently and in partnership with others • D3 Take responsibility for own wellbeing, reflection, self-evaluation and commit to lifelong learning and professional development • D4 Critically evaluate information from a range of sources to problem solve and deal with complex issues systematically and creatively and contribute to innovation and change • D5 Within the scope of practice, work effectively in a changing environment, demonstrating adaptability, independence, resilience and maturity • D6 Respect diversity, individual differences, cultural beliefs and customs • D7 Make effective use of all resources including digital skills, information systems and technology to support and improve the quality-of-service provision and outcomes. • D8 Undertake research, clinical audit and service improvement to support the adoption of best practice and the advancement of the profession. 	<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p> <p>The teaching and learning strategies for this course use a blended learning approach. For the outcomes related to transferable skills this includes: group discussions, in class discussion, independent project, lectures, multidisciplinary work, peer-led discussions, practical sessions, practice-based learning, profession-specific group work, reflections, role play, self-assessment, seminars, simulation, small group activities, tutorials, workshops</p> <p>Assessment Methods</p> <p>The assessment methods for transferable skills include: Case Study Presentation, Evaluation report, Group presentation, Podcast, Practice placement assessment portfolio, Reflective blog, Reflective essay, Report.</p>
<p>Professional competencies</p>	<p>Teaching and Learning Methods</p> <p>The teaching and learning strategies for this course</p>

<p>Having successfully completed this course learners will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E1 Practice as an autonomous practitioner to deliver evidence-based occupational therapy, in compliance with regulatory, legal and ethical frameworks that govern the profession • E2 Safely, effectively and ethically practice occupational therapy, acting in the best interests of all service users; to promote health and wellbeing, to maximise occupational performance and participation. • E3 Demonstrate the qualities and abilities needed to act autonomously in planning, implementing, and analysing occupational therapy practice encouraging and enabling choice, shared decision making and partnership working • E4 Create environments which facilitate and enable inclusive access to person-centred services • E5 Through continual and systematic reflection, promote and contribute to the development and enhancement of the profession of Occupational Therapy • E6 Demonstrate leadership skills and be able to work independently and as part of a team to deliver a high-quality service to service users and stakeholders. 	<p>use a blended learning approach. For the outcomes related to professional competencies this includes: group discussions, in class discussion, independent project, lectures, multidisciplinary work, peer-led discussions, practical sessions, practice-based learning, profession-specific group work, reflections, role play, self-assessment, seminars, simulation, small group activities, tutorials, workshops</p>
	<p>Assessment Methods</p> <p>The assessment methods for professional competencies include: Case study presentation, Evaluation report, Group presentation, Podcast, Practice placement assessment portfolio, Reflective blog, Reflective essay</p>

Intermediate exit award outcomes

Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE) Therapeutic Studies

- A1 The fundamental sciences underpinning occupational therapy practice, including the biomedical - physiological, biochemical, immunological, genetical, environmental and sociological determinants of health together with the role of the profession in the promotion of good health and wellbeing to improve the health, educational and social outcomes of people.
- A3 Social, educational and psychological theories in relation to health behaviour, skill acquisition and behaviour change.
- A4 The ethical, moral, regulatory and legal frameworks relating to the execution of appropriate duty of care in occupational therapy practice
- A5 Assessment tools, treatments and modes of practice and the nature of contemporary occupational therapy practice
- B1 Source, critically appraise, analyse, evaluate, interpret and apply research to occupational therapy practice

- B2 Use their skills, knowledge and experience to implement and evaluate reasoned, evidence-based interventions and management plans
- C1 Apply advanced communications skills and behaviour change practices, to support effective occupational therapy practice, whilst respecting the rights, dignity, values and autonomy of service users.
- C2 Practice safely and effectively within the legal, ethical, policy and professional frameworks relevant to the occupational therapy profession
- D2 Effectively manage time, organise and prioritise tasks to work effectively independently and in partnership with others
- D3 Take responsibility for own wellbeing, reflection, self-evaluation and commit to lifelong learning and professional development
- D6 Respect diversity, individual differences, cultural beliefs and customs
- E2 Safely, effectively and ethically practice occupational therapy, acting in the best interests of all service users; to promote health and wellbeing, to maximise occupational performance and participation.

Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE) Therapeutic Studies

- A1 The fundamental sciences underpinning occupational therapy practice, including the biomedical - physiological, biochemical, immunological, genetical, environmental and sociological determinants of health together with the role of the profession in the promotion of good health and wellbeing to improve the health, educational and social outcomes of people.
- A2 The relationship and interaction between the person, the occupation and the environment
- A3 Social, educational and psychological theories in relation to health behaviour, skill acquisition and behaviour change.
- A4 The ethical, moral, regulatory and legal frameworks relating to the execution of appropriate duty of care in occupational therapy practice
- A5 Assessment tools, treatments and modes of practice and the nature of contemporary occupational therapy practice
- A6 The roles, responsibilities and boundaries of professional specialisms, their relevance to and interactions with occupational therapy and interdisciplinary practice.
- B1 Source, critically appraise, analyse, evaluate, interpret and apply research to occupational therapy practice
- B2 Use their skills, knowledge and experience to implement and evaluate reasoned, evidence-based interventions and management plans
- C1 Apply advanced communications skills and behaviour change practices, to support effective occupational therapy practice, whilst respecting the rights, dignity, values and autonomy of service users.
- D1 Demonstrate highly effective and sensitive communication skills in all contexts, including to negotiate, mediate and influence others
- D2 Effectively manage time, organise and prioritise tasks to work effectively independently and in partnership with others
- D3 Take responsibility for own wellbeing, reflection, self-evaluation and commit to lifelong learning and professional development
- D5 Within the scope of practice, work effectively in a changing environment, demonstrating adaptability, independence, resilience and maturity
- D6 Respect diversity, individual differences, cultural beliefs and customs

- D7 Make effective use of all resources including digital skills, information systems and technology to support and improve the quality-of-service provision and outcomes. D8
- D8 Undertake research, clinical audit and service improvement to support the adoption of best practice and the advancement of the profession.
- E2 Safely, effectively and ethically practice occupational therapy, acting in the best interests of all service users; to promote health and wellbeing, to maximise occupational performance and participation.
- E4 Create environments which facilitate and enable inclusive access to person-centred services

Bachelor of Science (BSc) Therapeutic Studies

Depending on the units undertaken, it is possible to achieve several of the following learning outcomes:

- A1 The fundamental sciences underpinning occupational therapy practice, including the biomedical - physiological, biochemical, immunological, genetical, environmental and sociological determinants of health together with the role of the profession in the promotion of good health and wellbeing to improve the health, educational and social outcomes of people.
- A2 The relationship and interaction between the person, the occupation and the environment
- A3 Social, educational and psychological theories in relation to health behaviour, skill acquisition and behaviour change.
- A4 The ethical, moral, regulatory and legal frameworks relating to the execution of appropriate duty of care in occupational therapy practice
- A5 Assessment tools, treatments and modes of practice and the nature of contemporary occupational therapy practice
- A6 The roles, responsibilities and boundaries of professional specialisms, their relevance to and interactions with occupational therapy and interdisciplinary practice.
- A7 Research, outcome measures, audit and information management in the development, evaluation, and enhancement of occupational therapy.
- B1 Source, critically appraise, analyse, evaluate, interpret and apply research to occupational therapy practice
- B2 Use their skills, knowledge and experience to implement and evaluate reasoned, evidence-based interventions and management plans
- B3 Monitor, review, assess and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and service delivery and contribute to the evolution and enhancement of the profession.
- B4 Engage in research-related, service evaluation or audit activity, including dissemination of findings in a variety of ways to a range of stakeholders.
- C1 Apply advanced communications skills and behaviour change practices, to support effective occupational therapy practice, whilst respecting the rights, dignity, values and autonomy of service users.
- C2 Practice safely and effectively within the legal, ethical, policy and professional frameworks relevant to the occupational therapy profession
- C3 Engage in continued professional development and adapt to the challenges and opportunities of an ongoing career in occupational therapy.
- C4 Apply the principles of research to support evidence informed practice to innovate and enhance the practice of occupational therapy.

- D1 Demonstrate highly effective and sensitive communication skills in all contexts, including to negotiate, mediate and influence others
- D2 Effectively manage time, organise and prioritise tasks to work effectively independently and in partnership with others
- D3 Take responsibility for own wellbeing, reflection, self-evaluation and commit to lifelong learning and professional development
- D4 Critically evaluate information from a range of sources to problem solve and deal with complex issues systematically and creatively and contribute to innovation and change
- D5 Within the scope of practice, work effectively in a changing environment, demonstrating adaptability, independence, resilience and maturity
- D6 Respect diversity, individual differences, cultural beliefs and customs
- D7 Make effective use of all resources including digital skills, information systems and technology to support and improve the quality-of-service provision and outcomes.
- D8 Undertake research, clinical audit and service improvement to support the adoption of best practice and the advancement of the profession.
- E1 Practice as an autonomous practitioner to deliver evidence-based occupational therapy, in compliance with regulatory, legal and ethical frameworks that govern the profession
- E2 Safely, effectively and ethically practice occupational therapy, acting in the best interests of all service users; to promote health and wellbeing, to maximise occupational performance and participation.
- E3 Demonstrate the qualities and abilities needed to act autonomously in planning, implementing, and analysing occupational therapy practice encouraging and enabling choice, shared decision making and partnership working
- E4 Create environments which facilitate and enable inclusive access to person-centered services
- E5 Through continual and systematic reflection, promote and contribute to the development and enhancement of the profession of Occupational Therapy
- E6 Demonstrate leadership skills and be able to work independently and as part of a team to deliver a high-quality service to service users and stakeholders.

Course Structure

4. Outline of course content

The occupational therapy degree apprenticeship provides a comprehensive pathway to meet the knowledge skills and behaviours; standards of proficiency and professional standards to register as an occupational therapist with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Royal College of Occupational Therapy (RCOT). This course is mapped to:

- [Apprenticeship standard - Occupational Therapist - ST0517](#)
- [HCPC Standard of Proficiency for Occupational Therapists](#)
- [Royal College of Occupational Therapists – Learning and development standards for pre-registration education](#)

This means on successful completion you would be eligible to join the professional register and become a full member of the professional body.

The aims and learning outcomes of the course are underpinned by the following four principles: professionalism, evidence-based practice, autonomy and teamwork, and person-centred care. You will develop the ability to think critically and analytically, and become resilient, evidence-based, reflective and empathetic practitioners able to respond to the complex needs of patients and service

4. Outline of course content

users, and make important decisions in pressured environments. Under the guidance of mentors and educators, learners will have the opportunity to apply theoretical concepts in practice with service users from various backgrounds, and where appropriate collaborate with interdisciplinary healthcare teams to deliver excellent person-centred services.

The BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship) course consists of 15 core units:

HRA4001	The Determinants of Health
HRA4002	Foundations of Professional Practice
HRA4003	Health and Wellbeing - the role of Allied Health Professionals
OTA4011	Occupation and Occupational Science
OTA4012	Occupational Therapy Skills: Enabling & Therapeutic Use of Occupation
OTA4013	Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning
HRA5001	Developing Professional Practice
HRA5002	Leadership and Learning in Allied Health
HRA5003	Research, Improvement and Innovation Methods
OTA5011	Occupational Therapy for Physical and Psychosocial Challenges
OTA5012	Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment
HRA6001	Independent Project for Allied Health Professionals
HRA6002	The Reflexive Practitioner
OTA6011	Lobbying for Occupation: Service, Design, Innovation and Sustainability
OTA6012	Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice

5. Tripartite arrangements, placements, work-based learning and End Point Assessment (and any other special features of the course)

Work-based learning and workplace supervision:

The apprenticeship has been developed in association with a range of stakeholders including with local healthcare providers and service users. Its development recognises the demand locally, regionally and nationally to grow the existing occupational therapy workforce offering services in both NHS and local authority settings. This three-year apprenticeship programme offers you the opportunity to train for professional registration, with the support of an employer, whilst earning a salary. You will study part-time and work part-time. The average off the job learning time would be two days a week, plus blocks of practice-based learning.

Practice-based learning

You are required to undertake 1000 hours of practice-based learning, supported by a practice-educator, which allow you to consolidate your academic learning. The practice-based learning supports you to develop a range of transferable skills such as communication, collaboration, leadership and critical appraisal. Practice-based learning will familiarise you with and allow you to be comfortable and confident in the practice environment, with all its demands and develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to become a reflective autonomous practitioner.

Through these placements you will gain a variety of experiences with a wide range of client groups, under the guidance of skilled clinicians. You will gain experience of occupational therapy within various clinical, private and voluntary settings. With the support of Practice Educators, you will observe experienced clinicians, assess and manage patients and service users across a variety of settings.

Practice-based learning is included in units:
HRA4003 Health and Wellbeing - the role of Allied Health Professionals,
OTA4013 Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning,
OTA5012 Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment, and
OTA6012 Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice.

Tripartite review structure and process

Tripartite progress reviews take place every 12 weeks with you, your workplace supervisor, and apprenticeship tutor. This provides an opportunity to review your progress towards the targets set out in your training plan. The tri-partite reviews will consist of a discussion to:

- Check progress against the relevant apprenticeship standard, discuss personal and career development, including any successes and achievements
- Review off-the-job learning hours and attendance
- Discuss and review your learning and any additional support needs
- Agree future targets and objectives and identify any improvements that could be made, discuss the preparation for the end-point-assessment
- Identify any revisions required to the learning plan
- Feedback on the apprenticeship or any concerns about employer support, or time for off-the-job training

Preparation for EPA and EPA overview

The EPA for this apprenticeship is the completion of the examination board and submission of documentation to HCPC. There are no additional assessments for the EPA.

Interdisciplinary learning

Some of the units will be studied alongside apprentices from other allied health professions, allowing for interdisciplinary learning between diagnostic radiography, occupational therapy, podiatry, and speech and language therapy students. These interprofessional units cover some key concepts common to all AHP professions such as professionalism, leadership, communication skills and health behaviour. You will also cover the skills required to undertake research and quality improvement initiatives to enhance and improve practise in your chosen profession. These units will have some shared sessions but also profession specific sessions where appropriate.

6. Course structure, levels, units credit and award

The level of study, units and credits required for the course and for final and exit awards are set out in the **course diagram** provided in [Appendix 1](#).

The **KSBs and learning outcomes mapping document** provided in [Appendix 2](#) shows the relationship between ILOs for units, KSBs and the overarching ILOs of the course.

The **Course summary** provided in [Appendix 3](#) shows the structure of each unit in terms of summative assessment and gives an indication of learning hours/ workload for each unit.

Apprenticeship course structure (Also refer to Appendix 1)

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
YEAR 1 (Level 4)	HRA4001 Determinants of Health	OTA4011 Occupation and Occupational Science	OTA4013: Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning

6. Course structure, levels, units credit and award

	HRA4002 Foundations of Professional Practice	OTA4012 Occupational Therapy Skills: Enabling & Therapeutic Use of Occupation	HRA4003 Health and Wellbeing. The Role of AHPs.
YEAR 2 (Level 5)	OTA5011 Occupational Therapy for Physical and Psychosocial Challenges	HRA5001 Developing Professional Practice	HRA5002 Leadership and Learning in Allied Health
		OTA5012 Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment	HRA5003 Research, Improvement and Innovation Methods
YEAR 3 (Level 6)	OTA6011 Lobbying for Occupation: Service, Design, Innovation and Sustainability	HRA6002 The Reflexive Practitioner	
		OTA6012 Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice	
	HRA6001 Independent Project for Allied Health Professions		

7. Learning hours/ workload

The total off the job learning hours are set out in the **Planned Learning Hours / Credits matrix** provided in [Appendix 4](#).

This is the indicative planned off the job / protected learning time designated and planned for a typical apprentice to achieve the level of competence required to successfully achieve this apprenticeship. This is the indicative time that you will need to plan for and set aside during your paid working hours to achieve the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours required for this course. You may need more, or less time – this time is a guide.

Off the job learning is prescribed in the following ways;

Learner contact time is a broad term, referring to the amount of time learners can expect to engage with University staff in relation to teaching and learning. It includes scheduled teaching sessions (sessions on a learner and/or staff timetable), specific academic guidance (i.e. not broader pastoral support/guidance) and feedback. Contact time can take a wide variety of forms depending on the subject and the mode of study. It can include engagement both face to face (in person) through on-campus seminars, labs, studios and workshops and online, for example through Teams seminars, online discussion forums, webinars, e-mail or live chat. Online contact time can be synchronous or asynchronous. Online contact time is always characterised by personalised tutor presence and input within a specified time-frame.

Opportunities for one-to-one interaction with members of staff, during which you can receive individual help or personalised feedback on their progress, may not always present themselves as formal scheduled sessions. 'Office hours' for example are a frequent feature where members of staff are available for one-to-one sessions at set times. Interactions via email is another example of contact time.

Tutor-guided learning covers specific learning activities that you are asked to undertake by a tutor, such as directed reading and review of learning materials on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) in advance of scheduled 'flipped classroom' sessions.

Work-based learning – You will negotiate your mandatory off-course (both on the job and off the job) hours, based on their agreed, signed, individual training plan. This is critical and a mandatory

requirement for ensuring you have the opportunity to apply knowledge, skills and behaviours from your overall academic and work-based learning into your practice.

Within the work-based learning hours, you will be required to undertake 1000 hours of practice-based learning, which cannot be in your own workplace.

Independent study incorporates learner-led activities (without the guidance of a member of teaching staff), such as preparation for scheduled sessions, reflecting on feedback received and planning for future tasks, follow-up work, wider reading (including reading beyond set topics), or practice, revision, and completion of assessment tasks.

Independent study helps you build an understanding of how to manage your own learning as preparation for the expectations of a professional life that emphasises continuing professional development and life-long learning.

This has been split into self-directed learning to be reported for your off-the-job learning log, this includes assessment preparation and completion. In addition, there are a number of elective additional self-directed learning hours that you complete as part of your 'on-the-job' hours or as part of individual study time. These are enhancement opportunities for you to pursue further learning but are outside the requirements for logging off-the-job learning hours

Completion of the Off-the-Job Learning Log

You are required to maintain a live log of the activities, learning and time that you spend undertaking your apprenticeship. This record of progress and achievement will be reviewed regularly by the university to confirm that you are being provided with the protected learning time planned and you are achieving the progress planned in your Training Plan.

Tri-partite progress reviews take place four times every year of your apprenticeship with your coordinating workplace supervisor and university apprenticeship tutor. This meeting includes the line manager and is a formal, mandatory review of progress towards meeting the KSBs in your apprenticeship and preparation for your End-Point Assessment. This review will also review your progress in meeting the protected off the job learning required by the apprenticeship. All off-the-job learning hours must be recorded in accordance with your individual training plan. At this meeting we will review progress and set objectives for the next phase of learning. We will check that you are able to make the progress at work required and that you are on target to achieve your apprenticeship, based on your achievements in learning and at work. You and your employer will sign and return the record of this meeting and any action plans arising

More detail about apprentice workload is provided in unit specifications and in the individual learning plan document.

8. Staff supporting and delivering the course

You will be taught by University academic staff and qualified professional practitioners with relevant expertise. All apprentices will be allocated an apprenticeship tutor and workplace supervisor who will lead their tripartite progress reviews.

9. Academic progression and assessment regulations

The regulations for this course are the University's standard Assessment Regulations which are published here: <https://www.hsu.ac.uk/about/policies-and-procedures/academic-regulations-policies-and-procedures/>

Where specific requirements apply – for example, where Professional, Statutory and Regulatory bodies have additional or alternative requirements this is specified in the relevant course-specific section of the Assessment regulations.

10. Employment progression routes

Graduates from this course will be able to register as Occupational Therapists with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). There is both national and local demand for Occupational Therapists, with both acute local needs for this role in NHS and local authority settings, and at a national level.

Graduates may wish to go onto specialist training such as Enhanced Clinical Practice or Advanced Clinical Practice. In addition, this qualification will provide the basis for further study such as clinical academics, doctoral study, or as a practice educator.

Units of learning and practice-based learning opportunities focus on professional practice, developing the knowledge, understanding and cognitive and practical skills to demonstrate person-centred care. Through the content of this course, you will have opportunities to develop transferable skills such as problem-solving, communication, effective use of IT, quality improvement processes, time management and research skills. In addition, career guidance and personal development opportunities are embedded throughout the apprenticeship in the units: HRA4002 Foundations of Professional Practice, HRA5001 Developing Professional Practice, and HRA6002 The Reflexive Practitioner.

11. Additional costs and special or unusual conditions which apply to this course

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which will need to be met for full participation in and successful completion of the course. Mandatory additional costs should be met by the employer. Optional costs may be met by the apprentice. Employers and apprentices will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they are charged.

'Special or unusual conditions' are aspects of the course which apprentices and employers may not be expecting and which may therefore have an impact on whether or not they wish to undertake the course.

Information about additional costs and special or unusual conditions applying to apprentices on this course can be found in the **important information to take into account when choosing your course** available from <https://www.hsu.ac.uk/student-life/student-finances/additional-costs/>

12. Methods for evaluating the quality of learning and teaching

A Course Steering Committee meeting is held at least four times a year, for every course at the University, including apprenticeship courses. Apprentice representatives are included in every Course Steering Committee meeting and have the opportunity to feedback on their learning experiences.

The Course Steering Committee is responsible for maintaining the academic standards of the course and ensuring that it operates in accordance with the approved course specification. The Course Steering Committee is also responsible for maintaining and enhance the quality of opportunities for learners on the course, ensuring that issues requiring improvement are addressed, and good practice shared.

The Course Steering Committees for apprenticeship courses have additional and specific responsibilities for monitoring and ensuring compliance with external regulatory requirements.

In addition, the quality of the University' courses is monitored and assured, both inside and outside the institution, through the following mechanisms:

- Annual monitoring of units and courses
- Periodic Course review, at least every six years
- Appointed external examiners, who produce an annual report
- Professional body accreditation and annual reports to these bodies

- Oversight by Academic Standards and Quality Committee (which includes student representation), reporting to Academic Board

Apprentices have the opportunity to engage in the quality assurance and enhancement of their courses in a number of ways, which may include:

- Providing feedback via the tripartite progress review meetings
- Completing surveys annually to give feedback on individual units and on the course as a whole
- Taking part in focus groups as arranged
- Seeking nomination as a Student Union representative or engaging with the elected learner representatives
- Serving as a student representative on Course Consideration panels for course approval/review
- Taking part in Course Consideration or professional body meetings by joining a group of students to meet with the panel
- Taking part in meetings with the external examiner(s) for the course

13. Inclusivity statement

The University is committed to being an institution where students and staff from all backgrounds can flourish. We recognise the importance of equality of opportunity and promoting diversity, in accordance with our [Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy](#).

We are committed to a working and learning environment that is free from physical, verbal and non-verbal harassment and bullying of individuals on any grounds, and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, within a positive and satisfying learning and working environment.

The University seeks to ensure that all students admitted to our courses have the opportunity to fulfil their educational potential. The interests of students with protected characteristics will be taken into consideration and reasonable adjustments will be made provided that these do not compromise academic or professional standards as expressed through the learning outcomes.

14. External reference points

The course has been developed in line with the following appropriate external reference points including:

- QAA Higher Education Credit Framework for England (2021)
- QAA Characteristics Statement: Higher Education in Apprenticeships (2022)
- UK Quality Code for Higher Education: The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (2024)
- ESFA Apprenticeship Accountability Framework (2023, updated 2024)
- IfATE Apprenticeship Quality Statement
- Ofsted Inspection Framework (2019, updated 2023)
- Apprenticeship standard - Occupational Therapist - ST0517 (2023)
- HCPC Standard of Proficiency for Occupational Therapists (2023)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists – Learning and development standards for pre-registration education (2019)
- Royal College of Occupational Therapists – Professional Standards for Occupational Therapy Practice, Conduct and Ethics (2021)

- HCPC Standards of Education and Training Guidance (2021)
- HCPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Conduct (2024)
- NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (2010)
- NHS Clinical Leadership Competency Framework (2011)
- Health Education England Digital Competency Framework for UK Allied Health Professions (2020)

15. Internal reference points and policy frameworks

The University's Strategic Plan

The University's Course Design Framework

The University's Feedback on Assessments policy

The course conforms fully with the University's academic policies and procedures applicable to Taught Courses.

Record of Modifications

Course Level

Description of Modification	Date approved	Intake to which modification applies

Unit Level

Unit code and title	Nature of modification	Date of approval/approving body	Intake to which modification applies

Appendix 1: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship)

The level of study, units and credits required for the course and for final and exit awards are set out in this **course diagram**.

Year 1/Level 4 Core units

- HRA4001 The Determinants of Health (20 credits)
- HRA4002 Foundations of Professional Practice (20 credits)
- HRA4003 Health and Wellbeing – the role of Allied Health Professionals (20 credits)
- OTA4011 Occupation and Occupational Science (20 credits)
- OTA4012 Occupational Therapy Skills: Enabling & Therapeutic Use of Occupation (20 credits)
- OTA4013 Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning (20 credits)

PROGRESSION: Requires 120 credits at Level 4

EXIT AWARD: Certificate of Higher Education

Exit qualification: Cert HE Therapeutic Studies
Requires 120 Level 4 credits

Year 2/Level 5 Core units

- HRA5001 Developing Professional Practice (20 credits)
- HRA5002 Leadership and Learning in Allied Health (20 credits)
- HRA5003 Research, Improvement and Innovation Methods (20 credits)
- OTA5011 Occupational Therapy for Physical and Psychosocial Challenges (40 credits)
- OTA5012 Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment (20 credits)

PROGRESSION: Requires 120 credits at Level 5

EXIT AWARD: Diploma of Higher Education

Exit qualification: Dip HE Therapeutic Studies
Requires 120 Level 5 credits and 120 Level 4 credits

Year 3/Level 6 Core units

- HRA6001 Independent Project for Allied Health Professionals (40 credits)
- HRA6002 The Reflexive Practitioner (20 credits)
- OTA6011 Lobbying for Occupation: Service, Design, Innovation and Sustainability (20 credits)
- OTA6012 Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice (40 credits)

PASS: Requires 120 Level 6 credits, 120 Level 5 credits and 120 Level 4 credits

EXIT AWARD: Bachelor of Science

Exit qualification: BSc Therapeutic Studies
Requires 60 Level 6 credits, 120 Level 5 credits and 120 Level 4 credits

**Conferment of Award/Graduation
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship)**

Appendix 2: KSBs and Course Learning
Outcomes Mapping
KSBS

The map of units to the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to demonstrate competency in the Apprenticeship Standard (this refers to the unit map included in each unit specification).

K – Knowledge
S – Skills
B – Behaviours

	HRA4001	HRA4002	HRA4003	OTA4011	OTA4012	OTA4013	HRA5001	HRA5002	HRA5003	OTA5011	OTA5012	HRA6001	HRA6002	OTA6011	OTA6012
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B4		*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Course Outcomes

This table shows where a learning outcome referenced in the course specification may be taught (T), developed (D) and/or assessed (A) within a unit. The numbers A1 A2 B1 B2 etc refer back to the learning outcomes listed under Subject Knowledge and Understanding, Intellectual Skills, Practical Skills and Transferable skills in this course specification template

Unit Code	Level	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	B1	B2	B3	B4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D1	D2	D3	D4
HRA4001	4	TA		TA																
HRA4002	4				TA		TA		TA				T	T			T	T	T	
HRA4003	4			TA									TDA				TDA			
OTA4011	4	TD A	TD A			TDA	D		D							D	DA		TDA	
OTA4012	4		TD A	D	TDA	TDA	DA		DA	DA			D		DA	DA	DA			
OTA4013	4	TD A	TD A		TDA	TDA	DA		DA	DA			DA	TDA	TD	DA	DA	DA	DA	
HRA5001	5						TDA						TD		TDA				TDA	
HRA5002	5			DA			TDA								TDA		TDA			
HRA5003	5							TA	TDA		TA	TA				TA				
OTA5011	5		TD A	TDA	DA	TDA			DA	TDA			DA	DA		DA	DA		D	
OTA5012	5		DA	DA	DA	TDA	DA		DA	DA			DA	DA	D	DA	DA	D	D	
HRA6001	6							TDA	DA		TDA	TDA				T				
HRA6002	6						TDA					TD						TDA		
OTA6011	6	TD A	DA	DA	TDA	DA	DA	TDA	DA	TDA	TDA	DA				TDA	D	DA	DA	
OTA6012	6	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	D	DA							
Unit Code	Level	D5	D6	D7	D8		E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6								
HRA4001	4																			
HRA4002	4		T	T			T			T	T	T								
HRA4003	4							TD		DA	TDA	T								
OTA4011	4											DA								
OTA4012	4							TDA					DA							
OTA4013	4	DA	D	D			D	DA	D	DA	TDA	DA								
Unit Code	Level	D5	D6	D7	D8		E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6								
HRA5001	5		D									TDA								
HRA5002	5											TDA	TDA							
HRA5003	5	TA		TDA	TA		TDA			DA	TDA									
OTA5011	5							DA	DA		DA	DA								
OTA5012	5	D	DA	D	DA		DA	DA	DA	D	DA	D								
HRA6001	6				TDA							TDA								
HRA6002	6		D	D								TDA								
OTA6011	6			DA	DA		DA	DA	TDA	DA	DA	DA								

OTA6012	6	DA	DA	DA			DA	DA	DA	DA	DA	DA								
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Appendix 3: Course Summary

Course title: BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship)

Unit details						Assessment Component Weightings (%)					Estimated Off the Job Learning Hours				
Code	Title	Version	Credits	Core/ Option	Pre / Co Requisites	Exam 1	Cwk 1	Cwk 2	Prac 1	Prac 2	PSRB Requirement Applies*	Scheduled Contact	Directed Non- Contact	Self- Directed	Total
HRA4001	The Determinants of Health	1.0	20	C		50%	50%				N	42	27.5	32	101.5
HRA4002	Foundations of Professional Practice	1.0	20	C			100%				N	52.5	25	31	108.5
HRA4003	Health and Wellbeing – the role of Allied Health Professionals	1.0	20	C			100%				N	46	0	24	70
OTA4011	Occupation and Occupational Science	1.0	20	C			100%				N	42	30	33	105
OTA4012	Occupational Therapy Skills: Enabling & Therapeutic Use of Occupation	1.0	20	C					100%		N	42	30	33	105
OTA4013	Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning	1.0	20	C			100%		P/F		Y	289	0	49	338
HRA5001	Developing Professional Practice	1.0	20	C			100%				N	12	21.5	33	66.5
HRA5002	Leadership and Learning in Allied Health	1.0	20	C			40%		60%		N	42	30	33	105
HRA5003	Research, Improvement and Innovation Methods	1.0	20	C			40%		60%		N	42	30	33	105

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Code	Title	Version	Credits	Core/ Option	Pre / Co Requisites	Exam 1	Cwk 1	Cwk 2	Prac 1	Prac 2	PSRB Requirement Applies*	Scheduled Contact	Directed Non-Contact	Self-Directed	Total
OTA5011	Occupational Therapy for Physical and Psychosocial Challenges	1.0	40	C		25%	25%	50%			N	98	50	62	210
OTA5012	Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment	1.0	20	C		100%		P/F			Y	319	0	55	374
HRA6001	Independent Project for Allied Health Professionals	1.0	40	C		100%					N	22.5	11	116.5	150
HRA6002	The Reflexive Practitioner	1.0	20	C		50%		50%			N	15	19	32.5	66.5
OTA6011	Lobbying for Occupation: Service, Design, Innovation and Sustainability	1.0	20	C		40%		60%			N	26	26	53	105
OTA6012	Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice	1.0	40	C		50%		P/F	50%		Y	380	0	63	443

* Scheduled contact includes on-campus learning, live online learning and practice-based learning hours. Directed non-contact time includes tutor-guided learning and workplace planned learning hours.

Progression requirements:

Level 4 - Requires 120 credits at Level 4

Level 5 – Requires 120 credits at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5

Where the PSRB Requirements box is marked 'yes,' then it is a requirement set by the relevant professional statutory or regulatory body that **the pass mark must be achieved in all components of assessment to pass the unit, regardless of the overall aggregated mark.** (detail within the Basic Course Information, page 1)

Exit qualification:

BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy (Integrated Degree Apprenticeship) - 120 credits at Level 4, 120 credits at Level 5 and 120 credits at Level 6

BSc Therapeutic Studies – 120 credits at Level 4, 120 credits at Level 5 and 60 credits at Level 6

DipHE Therapeutic Studies - 120 credits at Level 4 and 120 credits at Level 5

CertHE Therapeutic Studies - 120 credits at Level 4

Appendix 4: Planned Learning Hours / Credits

The breakdown of planned learning hours in the apprenticeship required to deliver the KSBs and demonstrate competency in the Apprenticeship Standard including the calculation of *minimum* and actual planned hours over the duration.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Off the job learning hours by unit of learning								Tripartite progress reviews	
		Learner Contact Time (Hours)		Tutor guided learning	Workplace planned learning hours		Independent Study	Total off the job learning hours by unit of learning			
		On-campus learning	Live online learning hours	*Logged as asynchronous online learning hours	In your workplace	Practice-based learning	*Only self-directed hours (off-the-job hours) are logged				
	Induction	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0		
HRA4001	The Determinants of Health	7	35	11	16.5	0	32	101.5	0		
HRA4002	Foundations of Professional Practice	17.5	35	10	15	0	31	108.5	1		
HRA4003	Health and Wellbeing – the role of Allied Health Professionals	7	10	0	0	29	24	70	1		
OTA4011	Occupation and Occupational Science	7	35	12	18	0	33	105	1		
OTA4012	Occupational Therapy Skills: Enabling & Therapeutic Use of Occupation	7	35	12	18	0	33	105	0		
OTA4013	Occupational Therapy Placement 1: Developing Professional Reasoning	14	5	0	0	270	49	338	1		
	Transition Week	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0		
HRA5001	Developing Professional Practice	7	5	5	16.5	0	33	66.5	1		
HRA5002	Leadership and Learning in Allied Health	7	35	18	12	0	33	105	1		

HRA5003	Research, Improvement and Innovation Methods	7	35	18	12	0	33	105	0
OTA5011	Occupational Therapy for Physical and Psychosocial Challenges	28	70	20	30	0	62	210	1
OTA5012	Occupational Therapy Placement 2: Assessment and Treatment	10.5	8.5	0	0	300	55	374	1
	Transition Week	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0
HRA6001	Independent Project for Allied Health Professionals	10.5	12	0	11	0	116.5	150	1
HRA6002	The Reflexive Practitioner	7	8	8	11	0	32.5	66.5	1
OTA6011	Lobbying for Occupation: Service, Design, Innovation and Sustainability	7	19	4	22	0	53	105	1
OTA6012	Occupational Therapy Placement 3: Independent Practice	14	6	0	0	360	63	443	1
DURATION – 35 MONTHS TRAINING AND 36 MONTHS TO END OF APPRENTICESHIP									
OTJ Total HOURS CALCULATION planned learning hours for this apprenticeship								2495 HOURS	