

**St George's National Breast Education
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**Mammography Associate
Practitioner Apprenticeship**

Helping your organisation to
be more effective, productive
and competitive



Mammography Associate Practitioner Level 4

Helping your employees develop their skills

An apprenticeship in mammography at an associate level is a new route, encompassing a narrow scope of practice for the development of a mammography associates role to undertake routine 2-view mammography.

Mammography Associates work within a multi-disciplinary team in the NHS, undertaking mammography as part of a breast screening programme. Individuals in this role will be technically skilled in operating specialised mammography equipment and be responsible for producing mammography images of consistently high quality to meet rigorous NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP) standards.

Delivery

Apprenticeship employers will provide the apprentice with a formal induction and on-the-job training.

Apprentices will attend St George's National Breast Education Centre for a one week academic programme.

Apprenticeship employers are responsible for paying their apprentice wages.

The apprentice will be supervised in the workplace to demonstrate consistent good practice over the duration of their training.

Entry requirements

To become an apprentice candidates must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Be employed in Breast Screening Units or symptomatic units
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Pass a short assessment for English and Maths
- Level 2 in English and Maths desirable

Course Content

- Clinical Mammography
- Mammography Science
- Professional Practice
- Quality assurance
- Communication and Team Working
- Health and Safety

Course duration

12 - 18 months.

Apprenticeship standard

The apprentices will achieve the following qualifications:

- Level 4 Mammography Associate
- Functional Skills in Maths and English Level 2 (if candidates do not hold GCSE grades A-C or equivalent).

End point Assessment

(Undertaken by registered End Point Assessment Organisation)

- Examination (MCQ)
- Clinical practice observation and discussion



Funding requirements

The government has introduced an Apprenticeship Levy which came into effect in April 2017. The levy can be used to supplement apprenticeship funding.

- Levy-paying employers: funding through accessing their Digital Account
- Levy-paying employers £5,000
- Non-levy paying employers pay a 10% contribution

Progression

On successful completion, you will attain a Level 4 Certificate in Mammography Associate from Institute of Apprenticeships.