

## 7c. T Level in Healthcare Science

### **The Progression Profile**

This T Level has two occupational specialisms: Optical Care Services and Assisting with Healthcare Science.

For these occupational specialisms, there are progression pathways into apprenticeships, education and work.

The T Level is based on an occupational standard. The occupational standard will have an apprenticeship option, which is referred to in the profile as the 'relevant apprenticeship'.

For some apprenticeships, in particular the relevant apprenticeship, a learner may have covered the content to a high level. They will not need to complete the apprenticeship in this step, this is noted as 'not applicable'. An apprenticeship may also be shortened due to recognised prior learning (RPL), this is noted as accelerated. Links to the mapping have been included which detail the areas in need of further development before full competence is reached in that occupation.

For work, whilst some roles may be accessed after completing the T Level, others are available after further training and gaining more experience.

Please see below, the progression options for the occupational specialism:

#### **1. Optical Care Services**

For **apprenticeships**, the relevant apprenticeship level 2 [Optical Assistant](#) is not applicable.

At level 6, there is the [Dispensing Optician](#) apprenticeship.

For **education**, degree options may include Optometry.

For **work**, career progression could include Optical Assistant, Dispensing Optician and Optometrist.

#### **2. Assisting with Healthcare Science**

For **apprenticeships**, the relevant apprenticeship level 2 [Healthcare Science Assistant](#) is not applicable.

At level 3, there is the [Senior Healthcare Support Worker](#) apprenticeship.

At level 4, there is the [Healthcare Science Associate](#) apprenticeship.

At level 5, there is the [Healthcare Assistant Practitioner](#) apprenticeship.

At level 6, there is the [Healthcare Science Practitioner](#) and [Enhanced Clinical Practitioner](#) apprenticeships.

At level 7, there is the [Advanced Clinical Practitioner](#) and the [Clinical Scientist](#) apprenticeships.

For **education**, HTQ options may include Healthcare Science Associate. Degree options may include Nursing, Medical Science, Paramedic Science and Occupational Therapy.

For **work**, career progression could include Healthcare Science Assistant, Healthcare Intelligence Specialist, Assistant Practitioner, Healthcare Science Practitioner, Clinical Scientist, Advanced Clinical Practitioner and Enhanced Clinical Practitioner.

A learner could potentially move across progression routes from the different specialisms due to the broad core content

