Occupational Map: Health and Science

This is one of 15 occupational maps that group together occupations that require similar knowledge, skills and behaviours. Career pathways and occupational clusters have been used to provide further grouping of occupations, with the pathways indicating options for likely career progression. Every apprenticeship standard has been captured, as well as other skilled occupations where there is a substantial requirement for technical knowledge and practical skills. This map has been split into four career pathways: health; healthcare science; science; and community exercise, fitness and health. The technical occupations in the latter pathway have been identified as suitable for learning via apprenticeships only, so Government does not intend to launch T levels for these.

Career Pathway

Technical Occupations

Technical occupations: skilled occupations that a college leaver or an apprentice would be entering, that typically require qualifications at levels 2/3.



Higher Technical Occupations

Higher Technical occupations: require more knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the workplace or further technical education. They typically require qualifications at levels 4/5.



Professional Occupations

Occupations in green: approved for delivery

Occupations in amber: standard published

Occupations in black: proposed standard

apprenticeship (if the level is known)

Occupations in red: standard in development

(): the number shown in brackets is the level of the

Professional occupations: occupations where there is a clear career progression from higher technical occupations, as well as those occupations where a degree apprenticeship exists.

Click here for more information on the occupations listed in this map

Health

Cluster: Health Assistant

Provide direct patient contact and caring undertaking routine well defined clinical duties.

Ambulance support worker (emergency, urgent and non-urgent) (3)

Dental nurse (3)

Healthcare support worker (2)

Senior healthcare support worker (3):

- Adult nursing support
- Allied health professional therapy support
- Children and young people
- Maternity support
- Mental health support
- Theatre support

Cluster: Health Practitioner

Provide direct patient contact and high quality care with indepth knowledge of the factors influencing health and ill-health using specialist expertise.

Associate ambulance practitioner (4)

Dental therapist

Dental Hygienist

Dental hygiene therapist

Health and wellbeing leader

Healthcare assistant practitioner (5)

Healthcare play specialist

Hearing aid dispenser (5)

Mammography Associate (4)

Mental health practitioner (4/5)

- Child & Adolescent

Nursing associate (5)

Oral healthcare practitioner (4)

Rehabilitation worker (visual impairment) (5)

Cluster: Health Professional

Provide direct patient contact along with high quality diagnosis and care working independently and with other health professionals.

Advanced clinical practitioner (7)

Arts Therapist (7)

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Practitioner (6)

Diagnostic radiographer (degree) (6)

Dietitian (degree) (6)

Environmental Health Practitioner (6)

Occupational therapist (degree) (6)

Orthoptist

Paramedic (degree) (6)

Physicians associate (degree) (7)

Physiotherapist (degree) (6)

Podiatrist (degree) (6)

Psychological wellbeing practitioner (6)

Sonographer (degree) (7)

Speech and language therapist degree (6)

Therapeutic Radiographer (degree) (6)

Cluster: Midwifery and Nursing Professional

Assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care in multiple settings with specialist expertise often working independently.

Midwife

Registered nurse (degree) (6):

- Adult
- Children
- Learning disability
- Mental health

Specialist Community and Public Health Nurse (7)

Healthcare Science

Cluster: Healthcare Science Assistant

Provide technical and science-based support to patients delivering testing, diagnosis, monitoring services etc. of a low risk, routine nature and also the manufacture of appliances and devices.

Dental laboratory assistant (3)

Healthcare science assistant (2)

Optical assistant (2)

Prosthetist Orthotist Technician (3)

Cluster: Healthcare Science Practitioner

Provide technical and science-based diagnostic, therapeutic and monitoring services in support of patient care working largely unsupervised and also the manufacture of appliances and devices using specialist medical expertise.

Clinical dental technician (5)

Dental technician (5)

Healthcare science associate (4)

Sterile services technician

Cluster: Clinical analyst

Analyse and code medical studies and treatments designed to measure the effectiveness of a treatment regimes, drug programmes, medical device or process

Clinical coder (3)

Clinical data manager Health informatician

used in the human body.

Neurophysiologist

Infection scientist

professionals.

Audiologist

Blood scientist Cardiac physiologist

Biomedical engineer **Biomedical scientist**

Dispensing optician

Genetic scientist

Operating department practitioner (degree) (6)

Healthcare science practitioner (degree) (6)

Prosthetist/orthoptist (degree) (6)

Clinical trials specialist (degree) (6)

Radiation physicist

Radiotherapy physicist

Regulatory affairs specialist (degree) (7)

Cluster: Healthcare Science Professional

Provide direct patient contact along with high quality diagnosis

and care working independently and with other health

Renal technologist

Respiratory and sleep physiologist

Cluster: Pharmacy Science Assistant

Order, prepare and dispense medicines under

Pharmacy services assistant (2)

Cluster: Pharmacy Technician

Manage the supply of medicines in community and hospital

Pharmacy technician (3)

Cluster: Pharmacy Professional

Use medical expertise to provide extensive health advice to

Pharmacist

Science

Cluster: Science Technician

Provide routine and non-routine laboratory testing, experimenting and support to a research brief.

Animal technologist (3)

Bioinformatics Technician (3)

Cell Biology/Microbiology Technician (3)

Chemoinformatics Technician (3)

Environmental Technician (3)

Food technologist (3)

Laboratory technician (3)

Metrology technician (3)

Quality Assurance Technician (3)

Cluster: Science Advanced Technician

Provide laboratory-based investigative and scientific experimentation analyses, interpretations and evaluations of scientific information.

Food testing/laboratory manager

Laboratory scientist (5):

- Analytical science
- Chemical science
- Life sciences
- Research & development

Senior metrology technician (5)

Technician scientist (5)

Cluster: Science Professional

Define and lead science-based research projects to derive academic and applied information of value.

Biochemist

Bioinformatics Scientist (7)

Biologist

Chemist

Food industry technical professional (degree) (6)

Food safety director

Laboratory scientist (degree) (6)

Physicist

Community Exercise, Physical Activity & Sport and Health

Cluster: Exercise, Fitness and Health Assistant APPRENTICESHIP ONLY

Initiate behaviour change and performance improvement to achieve a series of health and fitness goals for an individual or community.

Usually working one-to-one or small groups.

Community activator coach (2)

Community sport and health officer (3)

Leisure Team Member (2)

Outdoor activity instructor (3)

Personal trainer (3)

Sporting excellence professional (3)

- Cricket
- Football
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union

Cluster: Exercise Fitness and Health Specialist

Develop and deliver programmes which significantly enhance the performance of an individual or team.

Cluster: Exercise Fitness and Health Professional

Lead and manage health professionals delivering entire health programmes usually with expertise in physical activity prescription, programme creation and delivery.

Sports Psychologist Sports rehabilitator Sports scientist