7a. T Level in Health

The Progression Profile

This T Level has two occupational specialisms: Dental Nursing and Supporting Healthcare. For Supporting Healthcare there are five specialisms: Supporting the adult nursing team; Supporting the midwifery team; Supporting the mental health team; Supporting the care of children and young people; and Supporting the therapy teams.

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 occupation’.

For some apprenticeships, in particular the relevant occupation, 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:

Please see below, the progression options for each occupational specialism.

1. Dental Nursing

For apprenticeships and technical qualifications at level 3, the relevant occupation Dental Nursing is not applicable. During the development of the T Level, General Dental Council (GDC) approval was obtained and learners will be able to progress into a dental nurse role as captured below in the work section.

At level 4, there is the Orthodontic Therapist and Oral health practitioner apprenticeship.
At level 5, there is the Dental Technician, Clinical Dental Technician and Nursing Associate apprenticeships.

Other progression options may include Management/Leadership and Coaching and Teaching.

For education, degree options may include Dental therapist and hygienist.

For work, career progression could include Dental Nurse, Dental Practitioner, Oral Health Practitioner, Community Oral Health Educator, Oral Health Champion, Dental Technician and Clinical Dental Technician.

2. Supporting Healthcare

For apprenticeships and technical qualifications at level 3, the relevant occupation Senior Healthcare Support Worker is not applicable. There is the level 3 Ambulance Support Worker and Lead Adult Care Worker apprenticeships.

At level 4, there is the Associate Ambulance Practitioner and Lead Practitioner in Adult Care apprenticeship.

At level 5, there is the Healthcare Assistant Practitioner, Nursing Associate and Leader in Adult Care apprenticeships.

At level 6, there is the Enhanced Clinical Practitioner, Registered Nurse (degree), Occupational Therapist (integrated degree), Physiotherapist (integrated degree), Diagnostic Radiographer (degree), Dietician (degree) and Paramedic (degree).

At level 7, there is the Advanced Clinical Practitioner apprenticeship.

For work, career progression could include Support worker, Assistant Practitioner, Social worker, SEND Coordinator, Midwife, Rehabilitation worker, Ambulance Support Worker, Assistant Practitioner, Nursing Associate.