

# SHAPING FUTURES

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## Degree Apprenticeships

*An alternative route into Higher Education*



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## What do you already know?



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# So what are they?



- A combination of full time work (30+ hours a week) and university study
- You become an employee of the company AND a student of the university (but employee first)
- You can gain up to a Bachelors or Masters degree
- You are employed, so you earn a wage or salary
- You do not pay tuition fees as this is paid by the company, university and the government
- Hands-on, practical learning from day one
- A great head start into a career (+ potential to stay at company)

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## Why might this be a good option for you?

Earn while  
you learn

Hands-on  
learning

Develop  
professionalism,  
confidence,  
skills, leadership

Different from  
traditional  
university study

No tuition fees  
or student  
loans

Learn from  
industry  
experts

Career  
opportunities

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# What might be the difficulties with this route?



- **Hard work!** Requires great determination to balance learning and working
- Complicated application process for some – you have to meet both employer and university requirements
- Longer than traditional degree – 4-5 years on average, long commitment
- Straight into work without the university experience
- There aren't that many Degree Apps yet, so they are very competitive\*

\*because of this it is a good idea to apply to university as well as Degree Apprenticeships (and apply early!)



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## EXAMPLAR: Liverpool John Moore's University Degree App Subjects

### Bachelors:

- ✓ Building and surveying
- ✓ Construction Management
- ✓ Quantity surveying
- ✓ Business and management practice
- ✓ Civil engineering
- ✓ Digital and technology solutions
- ✓ Electrical and electronic engineering
- ✓ Healthcare science practitioner (biomedical science)

### Masters:

- ✓ MBA
- ✓ Leadership and management practice



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# EXAMPLAR

## Manchester Metropolitan University Degree App Subjects



### Bachelors:

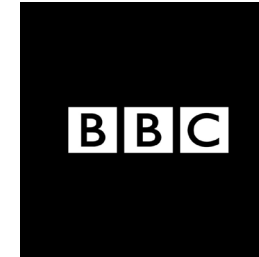
- Chartered Manager
- Digital and technology solutions
- Healthcare science practitioner
- Laboratory scientist

### Masters:

- MBA
- Advance clinical practitioner
- Digital and technology solutions

But there are  
many more  
around the  
country!

# Higher/Degree APP Organisations





# Entry Requirements

- They are different for each Degree Apprenticeship!
- Level 3 qualification (maybe with specific subjects and grades)
- You will have to meet certain GCSE grades and maybe UCAS points
- Application and interview for the company, so skills like...
  - Self-motivation
  - Teamwork
  - Communication
  - Time management
  - Computing

...are almost as important as grades.
- Attending assessment centres
- Passing online tests

**So work or voluntary  
experience is very important  
and employers will look for  
this!**

# How to Apply

- ❖ First, search for an Apprenticeship...

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships>

- ❖ Check regularly as vacancies appear at different times
- ❖ Check company websites for job listings
- ❖ The process is competitive so apply early
- ❖ Get help and support with applications/interviews from college/family/friends