An apprenticeship work-based programme designed for staff in employment across health and social care to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards of proficiency for nursing associates.

Providing an opportunity to upskill support workers from health & social care to become NMC registered nursing associates.

A 24 month route to achieve a Higher Apprenticeship, delivered on a day-release basis at Nottingham Trent University’s newly developed centre for Health Care Professions.

Students will access a wide variety of placements for 20 weeks over the two years to achieve the NMC programme hours and practice learning requirements. These placements will include experiences in adult, children’s, mental health and learning disability areas, across the lifespan in a variety of setting across community, hospital, primary and social care settings.

The programme has been developed in partnership with employers to create a programme of study to meet the needs of a wide range of health and social care settings.

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The Nursing Associate role in health and social care

‘A nursing associate is a new member of the nursing team in England. The role is designed to help bridge the gap between health and care assistants and registered nurses.’ NMC 2019

This role provides an opportunity to invest in and develop the local workforce in health and social care. Supporting nurses to provide holistic, evidence based, prescribed care.

Nursing Associates work in an expanding variety of settings which include;

- Adult and Children community settings
- A variety of different Nursing Homes
- Adult and children acute hospital wards
- General Practice
- A variety of Mental Health settings
**Why enroll your staff on the Nursing Associate Apprenticeship Programme?**

Since 2015, Nottingham Trent University has successfully delivered higher and degree apprenticeships to a wide range of employers. We are passionate about our collaboration with practice partners. The course has been developed through consultation with colleagues from acute, community, general practice and social care settings.

Upskilling existing staff boosts retention and increases motivation.

Following the announcement in the recent budget, non-levy paying organisations will now be required to contribute 5% towards the cost of apprenticeships.

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**The programme will provide the students with:**

- The core professional attributes and clinical skills required of a Nursing Associate
- Principles and application of evidence based and reflective care
- Supporting individuals with complex comorbidities and an understanding of the interprofessional team and integrated care systems in how care is provided to these groups of people
- Illustrate the importance of public health and prevention of ill health across the lifespan
- How to assess and monitor person centred care
- The foundations and application of anatomy and physiology
- How to communicate with individuals with a variety of different needs from across the lifespan
- The principles and application of medicine optimisation
- An understanding of the principles of improving safety and quality care in practice
- Leadership skills
- How to supervise and assess learners in practice