

Apprenticeships

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Apprenticeships for 2026

Get ready for 2026

It may seem a long way off, but some of our member companies start to recruit their apprentices as early as February. Organisations like the NHS who employ apprentice healthcare technicians through SIGTA, often start the recruitment process early in the year. We started recruitment for Flight Simulator Technicians in February 2025 to start their apprenticeships this summer.

We advise students who are interested in any of our apprenticeship programmes to circle back to the vacancies page on our website regularly. These well paid apprenticeships appear anytime from early in the new year onwards.

Things are quiet just now as we try to get as many apprenticeships running as possible to start our day-release in September, but they will get busier in the new year. Here is a [link](#) to our apprentice vacancies page.

Interview tips

It's important to spend some time preparing for an interview for an apprenticeship, if you are invited to attend by one of our member companies. It's a good idea to read through the job description, pick out each of the tasks listed and consider how you would cover them. Most employers still like to see you dressed appropriately for the role that you are applying for. It's better to be a bit overdressed than underdressed. If you have the GCSE's that we require, you have a really good chance of getting an apprenticeship! For interview tips, click on the [link](#).



You will need GCSEs:

- English grade 4 and above
 - Maths grade 4 and above
- and three others - Science or ICT is useful for technical apprenticeships.

Why an apprenticeship?

You will

- get well paid to learn
- gain professional qualifications
- kickstart your career
- learn from experts
- get real career progression
- support from SIGTA throughout and no student debt to pay off!

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This year the average starting wage for apprentices on SIGTA programmes was **£357** a week! That's **£18,602** a year



BECOMING AN APPRENTICE

Each month we feature one of the apprenticeships that we offer - this month it's Healthcare Technician

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HEALTHCARE TECHNICIAN

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Healthcare Technician Apprentices are responsible for the provision of Medical Equipment services and the management, maintenance and repair of medical devices for East and West Sussex Healthcare Trusts.

Clinical equipment covered incorporates electrical, electronic, mechanical, computer software and medical gas systems. Clinical areas include all general wards, Intensive care, Special Care Baby Unit, All theatres, Cardiology and Renal. Your role is to support the senior technical team in the provision of service and technical support to clinicians for the thousands of medical devices used in the NHS.

Healthcare Technicians may provide support for the most complex medical devices including first line maintenance on mobile and fixed X-ray systems, diagnostic ultrasound and Mamography.

Apprentices acquire knowledge and skills in electrical/electronic engineering support for the use and management of complex medical devices.

You will work towards:

- Level 3 Healthcare Engineering Specialist Technician Apprenticeship Standard
- EAL Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge)

We require 5 GCSEs at Level 4 and above in maths and English, plus 3 others at Level 4.

Healthcare Technician - Key roles and tasks:

- Fault-finding on medical devices.
- Diagnosing problems.
- Carrying out repairs.
- Calibrating systems.
- Quality control.
- Safety & acceptance testing.
- Working closely with Senior Nurses & Doctors.
- Working with Electronic & electrical systems.
- Working with software.
- Working with medical gases.
- Working in wards and theatres.
- General inspection, maintenance & testing of medical devices.

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