

A circular inset photograph on the left side of the image shows a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved top and a bright yellow high-visibility vest with reflective stripes. She is focused on working with a piece of light-colored clay or dough on a surface. Another person's hands, also in a yellow vest, are visible in the background, suggesting a collaborative workshop or classroom setting.

Apprenticeships
Bradford College

YOUR EASY GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS

**EARN WHILE
YOU LEARN**



An Apprenticeship is a unique opportunity to work, learn, and earn, all at the same time.

Most of your time is spent gaining experience in a real job, learning valuable skills directly from professionals. In addition, you'll dedicate time studying for a recognised qualification that could range from the equivalent of GCSEs to even a master's degree, depending on the level of apprenticeship you choose.

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find out more.



WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?



You get paid while you learn.



No hidden costs: Your entire apprenticeship is fully funded.



You'll split your time between work and college learning, which can be either day release (often one day a week) or online learning.



You must be 16 or older to start an apprenticeship (there's no upper age limit).



Apprenticeships exist in almost every industry you can think of from healthcare to engineering, business, and more!





APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS EXPLAINED

INTERMEDIATE – LEVEL 2

Equivalent: 5 GCSEs 9-4

This is where a lot of people start! You'll learn the basics of an industry and develop the skills you need to get started in your chosen career.

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIPS LEVEL 3

Equivalent: 2 A Levels

At this level, you'll build on what you already know, gaining more specialised skills and knowledge for your role.

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS LEVEL 4 & 5

Equivalent: Foundation Degree

These apprenticeships focus on advanced skills and prepare you for senior roles in your industry. They're great for developing expertise and refining your abilities.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS LEVEL 6 & 7

Equivalent: Bachelor's or Master's Degree

This is university-level learning while you work! You will combine work and study to help you achieve a degree while gaining hands-on experience. Perfect for preparing for senior or specialist positions.



APPRENTICESHIPS VS UNIVERSITY

Here's a quick look at the difference between apprenticeships and university:

APPRENTICESHIPS VS UNIVERSITY

COST

Fully funded by the employer/government	Tuition fees (up to £9,250/year)
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EARNINGS

Earn a wage while you train	No earnings during study
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EXPERIENCE

Hands-on work experience from day one	Limited work experience
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TIME COMMITMENT

1–4 years, depending on the level	Typically, 3+ years
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Get into work immediately, often in the same role	May need extra training to start
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SOME OF OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

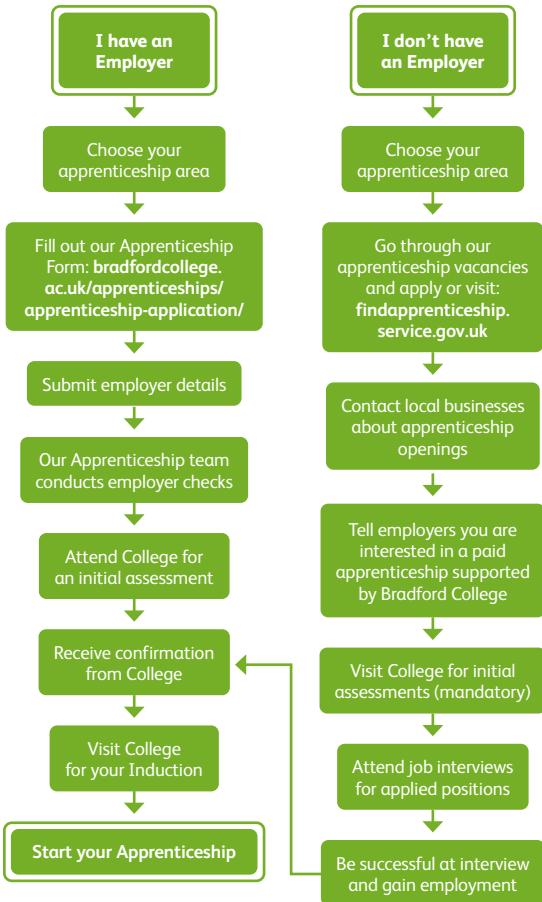
Here are just a few of the options available:

Level 2	Engineering Operative
Level 3	Engineering Technician
Level 3	Air conditioning, Refrigeration & Heat Pumps
Level 2	Carpentry & Joinery - Site
Level 2	Carpentry & Joinery - Bench
Level 3	Advanced Carpentry & Joinery
Level 2	Bricklayer
Level 3	Plumbing & Heating Technician
Level 3	Electrical Installation
Level 3	Teaching Assistant
Level 3	Business Administrator
Level 4	Data Analyst
Level 3	Multi-Channel Marketer
Level 3	Cyber Security Technician
Level 3	Team Leader or Supervisor
Level 5	Operations or Departmental Manager
Level 2	Pharmacy Services Assistant
	Non Apprentice Pharmacy Technician
Level 3	Pharmacy Technician (integrated)
Level 3	Dental Nurse (GDC)
Level 4	Oral Health Practitioner
Level 6	Dispensing Optician



HOW DO I APPLY?

Here's your step-by-step guide to starting an apprenticeship at Bradford College:



PRO
TIP

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!

- » Research local businesses in your chosen field
- » Create a strong CV
- » Visit companies in person (don't just email!)
- » Explain you're interested in an apprenticeship

START HERE GO ANYWHERE



See how Ahmed Shakir turned his joinery apprenticeship into national success.



See how Fizza Mumtaz embraced an apprenticeship to kick-start her career.



Scan to read his story.



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"Through my apprenticeship, I've discovered a new level of confidence. Learning how things work has made me more proactive and excited about my career"



Scan to read his story.

JAMES BLAND
Air conditioning and Refrigeration Apprentice

EMPLOYERS

Looking to grow your team and develop fresh talent? Take on an apprentice and:

- » Build a skilled workforce
- » Upskill your existing staff
- » Access government apprenticeship incentives
- » Support local talent development

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Come and talk to us at one of our open days, or contact our apprenticeships team anytime:

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