



**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

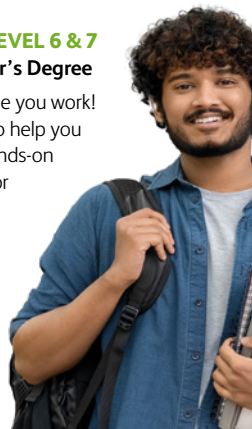
**Equivalent: Foundation Degree**

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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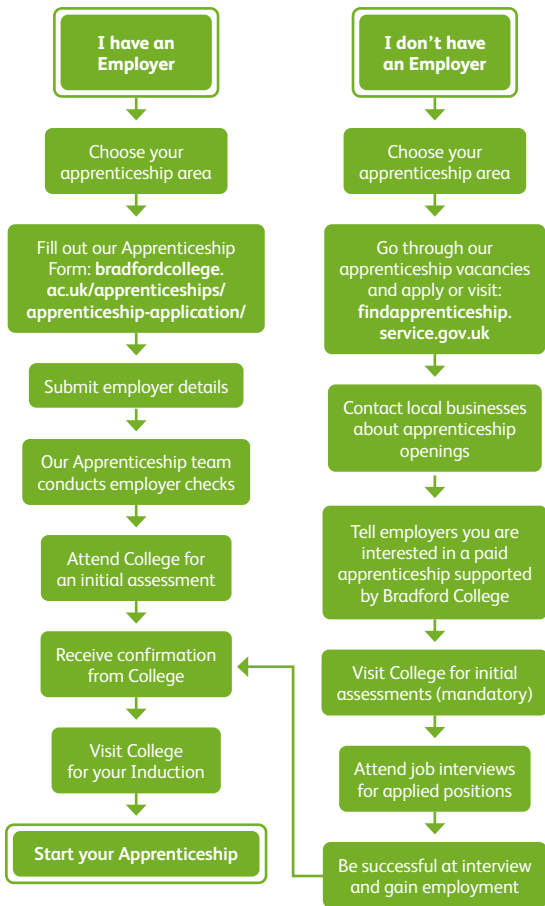
# SOME OF OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

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.



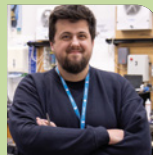
Scan to read his story.



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



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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"*

**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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