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The Chartered Town Planner Apprenticeship has been developed in partnership with the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and provides apprentices with the skills and knowledge to become a Chartered Town Planner. Apprentices will be in full-time employment whilst studying towards this degree. Modules are delivered through part-time day release and through work-based learning. This Masters level qualification is available with a Level 5 Entry Point (RTPI Entry Point 1) and a Level 7 Entry Point (RTPI Entry Point 2). The Level 5 entry point is for apprentices who do not have an undergraduate degree, but have sufficient professional planning experience to obtain Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and join the course at Level 5. Level 7 is for apprentices who already have a relevant undergraduate degree.

HOW DOES THE APPRENTICESHIP WORK?

Level 5 Entry Apprentices study for four years and Level 7 for two years, attending university one day a week. A tailored learning package to meet the Chartered Town Planner standard is agreed between the employer, the university, and the apprentice. Apprentices spend 24 days a year or more at university and they also have assignments and further academic study as part of their 20% 'off-the-job' training. However, the bulk of the learning happens in the workplace and will include shadowing team members and learning a range of planning duties. On concluding their course, apprentices take an End Point Assessment and, if they are successful, become Chartered Town Planners.

In Level 5 apprentices take a range of modules that explore current key issues in planning. The indicative list of modules includes Housing Markets, Development of Planning Thought and

Neighbourhood Planning & Design. These modules are closely mapped onto the RTPI Knowledge, Skills and behaviours (KSBs) that are essential part of the RTPI EPA. In addition, apprentices acquire the key skills, strategies and support for effective university level learning. In Level 6 the indicative list of modules includes Planning Policy and Practice, Neighbourhood and Community Planning, Heritage and Conservation and Women & Built Environment. Apprentices also obtain the research methods to successfully complete an undergraduate level dissertation on a planning issue or theory of their choice. At level 7 Apprentices learn about the development planning framework, planning law and planning theory, interpreting and applying policy, community engagement and urban design. Students also complete a major Level 7 project on a specialist planning issue that interests them.

INDICATIVE LIST OF MODULES STUDIED ON THE PROGRAMME:

Level 5 (one year)

Placement and Professional Skills

Housing Markets

Development of Planning Thought

Research Methods

Neighbourhoods and Communities

Neighbourhood Planning & Design

Level 6 (one year)

Dissertation

Planning Policy and Practice

Neighbourhood and Community Planning

Heritage and Conservation

Housing Policy

Women & Built Environment

Level 7 (two years)

Planning & Making Spatial Strategies

Theoretical Contexts Example Modules

Research Methods

Policy Implementation and Appraisal

Managing Places & Spaces

Sustainable Communities

Strategic & European Contexts

Dissertation

Research Design Project

EMPLOYER BENEFITS

The Chartered Town Planner Apprenticeship allows employers to meet their succession planning needs. It provides a fast and effective route to career progression for staff culminating in Chartered Planner status. Leeds Beckett will also support employers to devise and manage the work-based element of the apprenticeship.

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS

- + Every apprenticeship must have an Apprenticeship Agreement. This is a contract of service between the apprentice and the employer, confirming the apprenticeship and the standard being undertaken. This will be supplemented by a 'Statement of Commitment' signed by the employer, provider, and apprentice, setting out the expectations, roles and responsibility of each party involved in the apprenticeship.
- + The employer pays Degree Apprentices at their normal rate whilst they are studying.
- + Apprentices must be paid at least a minimum wage appropriate to their age and job role.
- + Apprentices require a mentor in the workplace who will oversee their learning and coordinate with the university.
- + Apprentices spend a minimum of 20% of their working hours completing study for the course.

FUNDING

Organisations with a wage bill in excess of £3 million can fund the course fees using their Apprenticeship Levy.

If you are a non-levy paying organisation the government will co-fund your apprenticeship training by contributing 95% of the costs and you will pay the remaining 5% of costs.

For further information on apprenticeship funding visit: [gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-funding](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-funding)

KEY INFORMATION

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants do not need to have an undergraduate degree for Level 5 Entry. They must already be working in planning with a levy paying organisation. They must have sufficient planning experience to successfully achieve 'recognition for prior learning' (RPL) for Level 4. Successful applicants will join the course at Level 5 and progress from there, through Level 6 and Level 7. All Degree Apprenticeship students then complete the Royal Town Planning institute (RTPI) End Point Assessment (EPA) to become Chartered Town Planners.

Applicants without English and Maths GCSE or equivalent at C or above will need to undertake this qualification before the end point assessment.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Attendance: Part-time

Duration: 4 Years

Venue: City Campus

Cost: £24,000

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants may hold an undergraduate degree in any subject. Previous employment experience will be considered for recognition of prior learning. Applicants without English and Maths GCSE or equivalent at C or above will need to undertake this qualification before the end point assessment.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Attendance: Part-time

Duration: 2 years

Venue: City Campus

Cost: £9000

HOW TO APPLY

INDIVIDUALS

Apply direct to an employer offering opportunities on the programme. Visit our website for details of current vacancies.

BUSINESSES

Contact the Degree Apprenticeship team.

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