

Occupational therapy and physiotherapy degree apprenticeships trail blazed by Trust

The new occupational therapy and physiotherapy degree apprenticeships, which ULHT has been central in developing, have now been approved for delivery in England.

ULHT has been leading the trailblazing group, helping to develop the standards and end point assessments of the programmes which will give opportunities for our staff to develop and progress in their careers.

The courses allow apprentices to complete a BSc (Hons) degree qualification whilst working within the services, and after successful qualification they will become eligible to apply to the HCPC for registrations as occupational therapists and physiotherapists.

The apprenticeships will facilitate the training and recruitment of the additional staff the Trust requires, as well as providing new local opportunities for local people to join the professions.

They will also provide a different opportunity for people to enter the professions, widening access and enabling employers to grow their own workforce to meet local needs.

Now they have been approved the ULHT will be working with neighbouring Trusts and universities to ensure we have apprenticeship roles and a programme available for people from Lincolnshire to access.

We hope that this new degree apprenticeship will help to see an increased number of registered physiotherapists and occupational therapists being trained at ULHT as well as across England.

These programmes will give opportunities for ULHT staff working as support workers who have proven they can give high quality care to patients and have the ability to meet the academic demands of the degree, but may not hold the traditional academic qualifications required to meet the entry requirements for university.

Their development will form a crucial part of the Trust's 2021 'developing the workforce to meet future needs' programme, to help find new approaches to bolster its workforce and invest in future talent.

For more information on the developing OT and physio apprenticeships visit the [Lincolnshire Talent Academy pages of the Trust website](#).