



ESTATES APPRENTICE

Estates Apprentices work in a variety of areas within the NHS, maintaining the buildings and systems. The role could be electrical or mechanical based. This could mean working in clinical (patient) and public areas as well as behind the scenes in workshops and plant rooms. An apprentice would work as part of a team under the supervision and guidance of an experienced member of the team.

Pay:

- Current National Apprenticeship rate £3.90/hour (April 2019) in the first year.

Hours:

- Typically between 30 and 37.5 hours per week
- Monday to Friday
- Between the hours of 8.00am and 8.00pm, determined by the working hours of the department.
- 24 month training contract initially

Qualification:

- Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Performing Engineering Operations, with progression to Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering.
- On the job training and assessment.
- Attendance at college on a weekly basis.

Qualifications & Experience needed to apply:

- Good general education to include GCSEs grade A* - C (9 – 4) including English, Maths & Science (or equivalent), also IT at GCSE or equivalent is an advantage.
- An interest in mechanical/electrical engineering – could be as a hobby/interest
- No formal experience in an employed capacity, but work experience in an engineering/workshop environment is an advantage.



A typical job role could include:

- Being trained to perform a range of multi-skilled tasks which may be complex and/or non-routine and working on a variety of equipment: -
 - ❖ light industrial electrical installations;
 - ❖ fire alarms;
 - ❖ domestic appliance and controls;
 - ❖ generating plants;
 - ❖ nurse call systems;
 - ❖ maintenance of hot and cold water systems;
 - ❖ heating systems;
 - ❖ boiler plant; (small and large steam plant including condensate pipework);
 - ❖ domestic mechanical equipment
 - ❖ pumps; ductwork; air-conditioning
- Providing assistance to other trades staff when required.
- Training to use systems, safely and competently (e.g. electronic computer system and communications systems).

Working conditions:

- Requires physical effort, periods of prolonged concentration, rapid and unpredictable changes in working pattern and activity.
- Working in confined spaces, e.g. air conditioning plant for access to motors and controls, services in ceiling voids and below floors, drains including manholes, also at heights and on scaffolding.
- Excessive heat, dust, noxious fumes, noise, Boiler House work, Plant Rooms, Autoclaves and Underground Service Ducts.
- Handling hazardous chemicals safely, i.e. calcium hypochlorite and sodium bisulphate and steam boiler water chemicals, using personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Exposure to body fluids using PPE (blood, bedpan macerators and foul sewage).
- Occasional working outside in inclement weather.

How to apply:

All apprentice opportunities in the Trust are advertised on the Trusts recruitment website: www.belongtosomething.co.uk where you will also find more information regarding apprenticeships. They are also advertised on the NHS Jobs website: <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/> . Search Shropshire and Apprentice.



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