

Highfield **Level 3** End-Point Assessment for **Optical Assistant**



Government funding band – **£8,000**



On-programme duration – **Typically 18 months**



Gateway requirements – **Apprentices must have level 2 English and Maths**



End-point assessment method – **A direct observation of practice with questions, a report with questioning and a professional discussion**

Working as an Optical Assistant

The broad purpose of an Optical Assistant is to interpret a prescription to identify the appropriate optical device to meet the need of the prescription and customer. Optical Assistants need to be able to identify the appropriate optical appliance and explain its features and benefits using non-technical language to the customer.

This occupation is found in the healthcare industry including small practices, large multiple practices, or within a person's home or care facility. It is a support role assisting an Optometrist and/or Dispensing Optician.

The programme's structure

There are 3 pathways to the Optical Assistant. The apprentice will be placed in one of the following roles: Screening Assistant, Contact Lens assistant, Domiciliary Optical Assistant. Apprentices will be placed in a role over a minimum of 12 months during which they will be supported while on-programme by their tutor. The tutor will review the progress of the apprentice against the standard to ensure they are prepared for the end-point assessment.

Your apprentice's journey



Ready for training

- Initial assessment
- English and maths training
- On-programme training to meet the requirements of the standard
- Gateway readiness self-assessment

Set for assessment on completion of training and functional skills

End-point assessment methods are:

Direct observation of practice with questions

- A 2-hour observation of practice followed by 30-minutes of questions
- Observing the apprentice completing their normal duties in the workplace

A report with questioning

- A 3,500 word report followed by a 30-minute question and answer session, with a minimum of 6 questions asked

Professional discussion

- A 60-minute professional discussion, with a minimum of 10 questions asked

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On completion of the apprenticeship, apprentices may wish to progress into other roles in the optical industry.

Available support

On-programme support

- Delivery resources
- Tutor support resource
- Innovative and multi-device e-learning courses

End-point assessment support

- Gateway and mock assessments
- Bespoke end-point assessment solutions
- Progression tracking system
- Staff training, standardisation, and support



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