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# Enhanced Clinical Practice **Apprenticeship**

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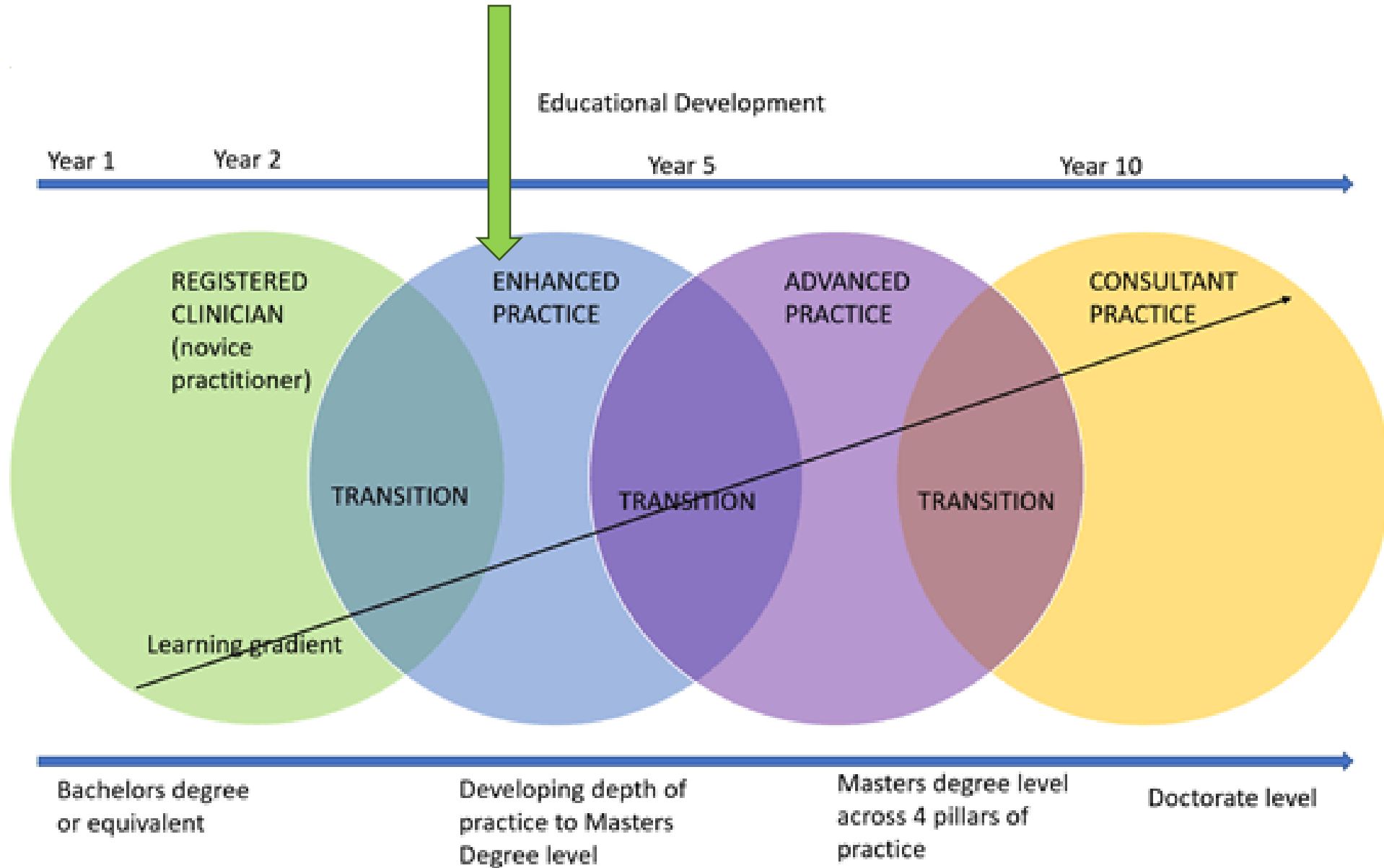
# What is an Enhanced Clinical Practitioner

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The Enhanced Clinical Practice Apprenticeship has been developed for Allied Health Professionals to offer post-registration opportunities to support your development as a healthcare professional. Enhanced Clinical Practitioners are qualified health and social care professionals who are working at an enhanced level of practice with specific knowledge and skills in a field of expertise



# First Contact Practitioner





# Comparison (UWE)

Category	Enhanced Practice	Advanced Practice
Level	Level 7	Level 7
Award	PgDip (120 credits)	MSc (180 credits)
Intake	March + September	September + May
Duration	18 months	3 years
Funding	Course cost only	Course cost and supervision funding
Apprenticeship	Requires 20% of the job time	Requires 20% of the job time
Role	More task or speciality specific (frailty, respiratory, diabetes, minor illness)	Generalist, broad, complex and undifferentiated
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works more autonomously within defined parameters</li><li>• Initial assessment</li><li>• Basic clinical decision making</li><li>• Protocol-driven care</li><li>• May include independent prescribing as per role requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complex, undifferentiated, and undiagnosed patient presentations</li><li>• High-level clinical autonomy</li><li>• Independent prescribing</li><li>• Ordering and interpreting tests</li><li>• Managing acute and chronic conditions</li><li>• Lead on Qi projects</li><li>• Covering all 4 pillars within role</li></ul>



# Entry Criteria

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- An apprentice must be employed in a role that is relevant to the skill, trade or occupation they are being trained for. As part of their commitment to the apprenticeship, apprentices must complete at least six hours per week of off-the-job learning activity within their normal contracted working hours, which is supported by their employer.
- You will have a first degree from a recognised institution of higher education or its equivalent in a relevant subject area.
- You must hold current registration with one of the statutory regulators of health and care professions i.e. NMC and/or HCPC/GPC.

More details can be found on the UWE ECP Landing page : [LINK](#)



# Structure: Year 1

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## **Option 1**

Advancing Practice in Clinical Assessment Reasoning and Differential Diagnosis (40 Credits)

**OR**

## **Option 2**

Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning (20 credits) AND Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Reasoning for advancing practice (20 credits)

**OR**

## **Option 3**

Physical Assessment and Clinical Reasoning of the presenting child (20 credits) AND Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Reasoning for advancing practice (20 credits)



# Structure: Year 1

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**Total 80 Credits**

Plus

- Leadership and Innovation (20 Credits)

AND

- Health and Social Care research (20 credits)

(Everyone must complete the above 2x modules )



# Structure: Year 2

total 40 credits

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Independent prescribing (40 credits)

**OR**

2 x 20 credit modules linked to your proposed scope of practice

Examples:

- Advancing Practice In Long Term Conditions
- Asthma care and Management
- Care Of The Adult With Diabetes
- Complexities Of Caring For Older People

[Health Professional Development timetable for 2025/26 \(PDF\)](#)



# Process

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## Step 1

Discuss with your Practice Manager

## Step 2

Review your current scope and development needs

## Step 3

Contact the Apprenticeship team to express your interest  
[apprenticeships@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@uwe.ac.uk)

## Step 4

LNA completed with UWE to review appropriate modules



# Progressing to ACP

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Leadership and innovation for ACPs (20 credits)

**AND**

Health and Social care research for ACPs (20 credits)

**AND**

Evidence Work based Learning OR Dissertation (40 credits)

**AND**

End Point Assessment (20 credits)



# BNSSG Training Hub

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