



Advanced Therapies
Apprenticeship Community

Infuse new talent into your organisation through apprenticeships

Coordinated by Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, we are the double award-winning Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community (ATAC). We develop apprenticeship programmes designed specifically to help you train and upskill your workforce in developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative therapies at scale.

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Advanced Therapies Apprenticeship Community (ATAC)

We offer a range of programmes designed in collaboration with accredited apprenticeship training providers and industry. ATAC offers a unique experience by ensuring that apprenticeships are tailored to suit specialist industry needs and provides apprentices and employers additional support and industry-led activities to complement programmes.

Since 2018:

- >350 apprentices*
- >58 employers*
- 18 programmes with 85% retention rate compared to the national average of 53%**

Why employ an apprentice through ATAC?

- Advance the experience and knowledge of existing staff
- Adapt training according to the needs of your business
- Bring fresh and enthusiastic talent to your team
- Save on the costs of recruitment
- Improve staff satisfaction and loyalty

[View guidance for employers](#) ↓



*Stats taken January 2024

**<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org>

How apprenticeships work

- Apprenticeships combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with formal learning.
- An apprenticeship is made up of knowledge, skills and behavioural components that are combined to create a 'standard'.
- On successful completion of an apprenticeship, an individual will be awarded a certificate of occupational competence.
- Employers must provide a minimum of 6-hours per week of off-the-job learning.

There are different levels of programmes ranging from GCSE (Level 2) to Master's degree (Level 7) equivalent. The duration of an apprenticeship will differ depending on the programme.

Programmes on offer

Team Leader for Advanced Therapies

Level 3, 12 months duration

Science Manufacturing Technician for ATMPs

Level 3, 18-30 months duration

Laboratory Technician for ATMPs

Level 3, 24 months duration

Laboratory Technician Apprenticeship (Wales)

Level 3, 18-24 months

Quality Practitioner

Level 4, 14 months duration

Data Analyst

Level 4, 14 months duration

ATMP Technician Scientist Higher Apprenticeship

Level 5, 36-40 months duration

ATMP Laboratory Scientist (Top-Up)

Level 6, 18-24 months

ATMP Laboratory Scientist (Direct)

Level 6, 48 months

Laboratory Scientist with Digital Technologies

Level 6, 48 months duration

Chartered Manager (Direct)

Level 6, 48 months duration

Chartered Manager (Fast-Track)

Level 6, 24 months duration

Modern Apprenticeship in Life Sciences (ATMP)

Level 7 / Level 3 SVQ, 24-36 months duration (Scotland only)

Regulatory Affairs Specialist for Advanced Therapies

Level 7, 26-30 months duration

Senior Leader in Advanced Therapies

Level 7, 24-30 months duration

Bioinformatics Scientist

Level 7, 30 months duration

Research Scientist for Advanced Therapies

Level 7, 30 months duration

ATAC also supports with apprenticeships in HR, Business, Admin, Project Management and more. If the programme you're interested in isn't among our offering, still get in touch as we can advise on a wide range of programmes outside of our portfolio.

Funding

Employers can access funding for the training and assessment of the programme through the apprenticeship levy or co-investment in England, whilst Scotland and Wales have a different funding framework.

To discuss funding, email apprenticeshipsinfo@ct.catapult.org.uk.

Visit the ATAC website
for further guidance



Employer success stories



Oxford Biomedica adapts their recruitment approach to include apprentice talent

"Recruiting apprentices through ATAC, with the structure and support of the programme, has given Oxford Biomedica the opportunity to grow their own talent... now apprenticeships are fully integrated into the Oxford Biomedica workplace."



Blood and Transplant

Adapting workforce development strategies to create an award-winning apprenticeship scheme

"We wouldn't have had the same experience without our involvement with ATAC. We have an excellent apprenticeship team at NHSBT, made all the more effective and impactful by the association with the ATAC community".

[Read more case studies](#)



Sixfold bridges the junior talent gap through ATAC apprenticeships

"Around 7% of our workforce are apprentices and actually, really interestingly, our first apprentice is now teaching our second apprentice how to be an apprentice. So, it's kind of like a role that frees up, again, more time for people to go away and do their research".

[View video](#)

