Cyber Security

SCQF Level 10

Why Study a Graduate Apprenticeship?

Studying for a graduate apprenticeship not only means that you will gain a degree but get paid a wage while learning the skills, knowledge and understanding that industry expects from a graduate.

Because graduate apprenticeships are full time employees, you will spend about 80% of your time based at the work place and 20% on study. There are flexible entry and exit points from Higher National Diploma at SCQF Level 8 to a Master's Degree at SCQF Level 11.

Who Can Apply?

Graduate Apprenticeships are for those over the age of 16 who are:

- school leavers with Highers or Advanced Highers, or
- adults with relevant qualifications or experience, and
- resident in Scotland at the start of the Apprenticeship.

There is no age limit for applicants. Some vacancies may require applicants to be age 18 or over, due to health and safety requirements.

If you already have a degree you can still apply for a GA. The condition is that it cannot be in the same subject area and level. Therefore, for example, you can do the same subject at a higher or lower level, or do the same level but in a different subject area.

Entry Requirements

These will vary by course and institution. Vacancy advertisements provide specific information on the qualifications required by the delivery institution for each GA.

Typically you would need either:

- 4 Highers usually including Maths and Computing Science
- A Foundation Apprenticeship or Modern Apprenticeship in a relevant subject plus relevant national qualifications.

Check individual institution websites for specific entry requirements.

Course Content

The key content areas which make up the Cyber Security: SCQF level 10 Graduate Apprenticeship:

- identifying and evaluating security threats and hazards
- investigating different attack techniques and how to defend against them
- finding vulnerabilities in a digital system

- implementing cyber security defences against attack
- understanding the foundations of cyber security
- understanding cyber security concepts applied to ICT infrastructure
- applying laws and ethics
- understanding existing threats as well as new trends.

Qualifications Gained

Graduate Apprenticeship in BEng (Hons) Cyber Security (SCQF Level 10)

Duration

4 years

What can I go on to next?

You could find employment in roles like:

- Cyber security analyst
- Malware analyst
- Security tester
- Security engineer
- Cyber security and information risk advisor
- Cyber security/information assurance architect
- Information security accreditor
- Cyber security/information assurance auditor
- IT/network security engineer
- Cyber security forensics analyst.

How to Apply

You should apply directly to the employer who is advertising the vacancy. Vacancies are advertised on www.apprenticeships.scot.

Related Career Areas

- Computing and ICT

Offered By

- Edinburgh Napier University
- Glasgow Caledonian University