**APL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTRY TO LEVEL 5 BSC HONS PARAMEDIC SCIENCE HLA**

**(APL of 120 general level 4 credits and HPHP9008)**

All applicants will be employed by an ambulance trust and will have completed robust application and selection procedures prior to being put forward for the course.

Where required, an APEL Practice Portfolio enables academic staff to check evidence that underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills are evident to ensure readiness for Level 5 study and practice. These portfolio requirements are built into the bridging course.

|  | **Qualification/Scenario** | **Operational Practice** | **APL Portfolio?** |
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| **1** | **CertHE Pre-Hospital and Emergency Care** or equivalent | 120 level 4 credits APCL awarded on receipt of transcript.  Plus exemption of QPU HPHP9008.  Additional work may be required if qualification is more than five years old, to demonstrate currency of learning. | No |
| **2** | **L4 Diploma for Associate Ambulance Practitioner (AAP)**  Level 4 qualification with a structured syllabus, including 1112 guided learning hours and 750 clinical placement hours.   +  **Minimum 18 month full time employment** | Whilst this is a level 4 qualification, it doesn’t equate in volume of study to 120 level 4 credits (1200 hours) - there is a deficit of 88 learning hours.  Those who have worked in an NHS Ambulance Service for over 18 months will have addressed this deficit through a combination of experiential learning, mandatory and statutory training and therefore will not need to produce an APEL portfolio, but they will still be required to go through an interview process for APL.  The interviewer will use a combination of the above formula and their own professional experience to assess the volume, relevance and standard of the experiential learning presented via professional portfolio at interview.  The 750 hours exceeds the requirement for the practical placement attached to the QPU HPHP9008. | No |
| **3** | **L4 Diploma for Associate Ambulance Practitioner (AAP)**   +  **Less than 18 month full time employment** | Deficit of 88 learning hours, as detailed above.  If applicant has been employed for less than 18 months, a Practice Portfolio is required to address this.  The 750 clinical placement hours exceeds the requirement for the practical placement attached to the QPU HPHP9008. | Yes. Level 4 APEL bridging, inclusive of academic skills  Must be approved by a MAB |
| **4** | **Employed as Emergency Care Assistant (ECA) /ESW/EVO or equivalent role**  **+**  **Minimum 24 month full time employment** | Applicants have no academic credit and must therefore complete a six month bridging programme, which comprises three elements:  L3 Diploma in Ambulance Emergency and Urgent Care Support-  (480 learning hours)  + 24 month full time employment as an ECA (3150 hours)  + Level 4 bridging programme APEL portfolio  Applicants must complete all three elements in order to be eligible for entry to level 5.  The Portfolio will be assessed, alongside the other requirements, against level 4 skills, knowledge and practice to permit exemption via APEL.  Hours across all three elements exceed the requirements for academic credit and QPU HPHP9008. | Yes. L3/L4 APEL bridging course  Must be approved at MAB |
| **5** | **Employed as EMT1/2 or equivalent**  **+**  **Minimum 24 month full time employment** | Must complete a six month bridging programme to gain the L4 Associate Ambulance Practitioner diploma, inclusive of bespoke academic skills training. | Yes. Level 4 APEL AAP bridging  Must be approved by a MAB. |
| **6** | **Employed as IHCD Ambulance Technician.**  Enables holders to register as a Technician with the HCPC. Previously deemed as equivalent to BTEC Level 3 with a structured syllabus including 750 clinical placement hours.  **+**  **Minimum 24 month full time employment** | The IHCD syllabus was previously mapped against Level 4 of FdSc/DipHE Paramedic Practice (no longer offered) and was a route into Level 5. However the qualification is now deemed too old to permit APL without additional requirements.  IHCD technicians must complete a six month bridging programme to gain the L4 Associate Ambulance Practitioner diploma, inclusive of bespoke academic skills training. | Yes. Level 4 APEL AAP bridging  Must be approved by a MAB |
| **7** | **Previous paramedic study at an HEI, achieved 120 level 4 credits in full.**  **(no APL or subsequent failure at a higher level).** | Applicant must provide transcript showing 120 level 4 credits, with no previous APL awarded at level 4 or previous failure.  Applicants must provide:   * Up to date CV * Current job description * Clinical reference from line manager or clinical supervisor, to verify that the applicant is working to the specifications of job description. | No |
| **8** | **Previous paramedic study at an HEI, with APL awarded for level 4.** | Must complete a six month bridging programme to gain the L4 Associate Ambulance Practitioner diploma, inclusive of bespoke academic skills training. | Yes. Level 4 APEL bridging, inclusive of academic skills  Must be approved by a MAB |
| **9** | **Previous paramedic study at an HEI, with level 4 credit only, but confirmed failure at level 4 or 5.** | Must complete a six month bridging programme to gain the L4 Associate Ambulance Practitioner diploma, inclusive of bespoke academic skills training. | Yes. Level 4 APEL bridging, inclusive of academic skills  Must be approved by a MAB |
| **10** | **Previous paramedic study at an HEI, with level 4 & 5 credit, but confirmed failure at level 5 or 6** | Prior credit considered for APL, downcounted if applicable. But applicants need to demonstrate that they have covered level 4 in terms of module learning outcomes, clinical skills and competencies  As such, applicants must provide:   * Up to date CV * Current job description * Clinical reference from line manager or clinical supervisor, to verify that the applicant is working to the specifications of job description. | No |
| **11** | **Qualified Nurse (DipHE or Degree)**  **+**  **Minimum 24 months employment in a relevant role at NHS Ambulance Trust** | Academic Regs permit re-use of 120 credits. But applicants need to demonstrate that they have covered level 4 in terms of module learning outcomes, clinical skills and competencies  As such, applicants must provide:   * Up to date CV * Current job description * Clinical reference from line manager or clinical supervisor, to verify that the applicant is working to the specifications of job description. | No |
| **12** | **Degree in unrelated subject**  **+**  **Minimum 24 months employment in a relevant role at NHS Ambulance Trust** | Academic Regs permit re-use of 120 credits. But applicants need to demonstrate that they have covered level 4 in terms of module learning outcomes, clinical skills and competencies  As such, applicants must provide:   * Up to date CV * Current job description * Clinical reference from line manager or clinical supervisor, to verify that the applicant is working to the specifications of job description. | No |
| **13** | **Qualification at level 4 or higher, which equates to the same volume of learning as 120 level 4 credits.** | Prior credit considered for APL, downcounted if applicable. But applicants need to demonstrate that they have covered level 4 in terms of module learning outcomes, clinical skills and competencies  As such, applicants must provide:   * Up to date CV * Current job description * Clinical reference from line manager or clinical supervisor, to verify that the applicant is working to the specifications of job description. | No |
| **14** | **Paramedic degree from another country (equivalent to UK degree)** | Student is seeking registration with HCPC as a paramedic. Apprenticeship rules do not permit a student to complete an HLA at the same level and in the same subject area as previous degree. Student needs to seek alternative registration route via HCPC. | N/A |