

End-Point Assessment Specification

Healthcare Science Associate

Level 3



1 *What the* ROLE ENTAILS

This occupation is found in hospitals, general practice and other settings in the health sector.

Employers can vary in size from a large national organisation such as the NHS through to a private practice.

Healthcare Science Associates work in Life Sciences, Physiological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Clinical Engineering, Clinical Bioinformatics in environments such as outpatient departments laboratories and engineering workshops. The individual environment they work in determines the full scope of their role and the range of tests and activities they carry out.

Healthcare Science Associates are part of a wider team contributing to safe patient care across all care pathways from conception to end of life across all areas of healthcare science

2 *On-programme* ASSESSMENT

Before entering Gateway, the apprentice must complete the following on-programme assessment requirements:

- Complete the required training in the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the standard
- English and maths in line with funding rules
- Compile a portfolio of evidence
- L4 Diploma in Healthcare Science

3 *Gateway* REQUIREMENTS

The employer, independent training provider (ITP) and apprentice make the decision to take the apprentice through Gateway.

- English and maths in line with funding rules
- Achieved L4 Diploma
- Portfolio of evidence



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4 *End Point* ASSESSMENT

Observation of practice with questions

The observation must take place in the apprentice's normal place of work carrying out day to day duties. After the observation, there will be a questioning session for clarifications.

Professional discussion with a portfolio of evidence

This is a two-way discussion between the IEPA and the apprentice which will draw questions and amplifications from the knowledge, skills and behaviours mapped to the portfolio.

Why choose Steadfast EPA?

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To review the standard and assessment plan, follow the link below.

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5 *Completion &* CERTIFICATION

We will activate certification once the apprentice has successfully completed all EPAs, and the IEPA has verified this. Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, we will ensure the apprentice receives their certificate.



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