

# Senior Leader Apprenticeship

## Level 7 – Master of Business Administration

The Senior Leader Apprenticeship is designed for anyone who is, or who aspires to be, a professional senior manager with responsibility for the strategic leadership and direction of their organisation, division or department. The Apprenticeship is suitable for those working in the private, public, and third sectors and for companies of any size.

Over two years of study on the Postgraduate Diploma, learners will study a diverse portfolio of business-relevant topics and can undertake specialist awards in three areas:

### Postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies (Senior Business Leader)\*

- Leading and Developing People
- Developing Collaborative Relationships
- Financial and Marketing Strategy
- Organisational Sustainability
- Leading and Managing Change
- Strategic Management

### Postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies (Arts and Culture Senior Business Leader)\*\*

- Leading and Developing People
- Leadership in the Arts and Cultural Sector
- Financial and Marketing Strategy
- Organisational Sustainability
- Strategic Evaluation for Cultural Leadership
- Strategic Management

### Postgraduate Diploma in Management Studies (Healthcare Senior Business Leader)\*\*

- Leading and Developing People
- Developing Collaborative Relationships (Health)
- Financial and Marketing Strategy
- Organisational Sustainability
- Leading and Managing Change (Health)
- Strategic Management

Upon successful completion of the programme, which includes an End Point Assessment, an individual will be awarded:

- Postgraduate Diploma Management Studies (Senior Business Leader)/(Arts and Culture Senior Business Leader)/(Healthcare Senior Business Leader)
- Chartered Management Institute Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership
- Senior Leader Apprenticeship

Learners successfully completing one of the Postgraduate Diplomas will be able to progress onto the Master of Business Administration (Senior Business Leader) top-up free of charge.

\* Currently September and January intakes

\*\* Currently January intakes only





## Job roles / Occupations

The apprenticeship is suitable for those working in the private, public and third sectors and for companies of any size. Senior leaders provide clear, inclusive and strategic leadership by setting, managing and monitoring achievement of core objectives aligned to their organisation's overall strategic objectives. Influential at a higher organisational level, typical job titles include: associate director, business unit head, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, divisional head, executive director, head of department/faculty, warrant officer.

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for the Senior Leader Apprenticeship, applicants must be in full-time employment with their employer and be working within England. They will normally need to occupy a senior management position for a minimum of two years and have a first or second class undergraduate honours degree from a UK university (or an equivalent overseas professional qualification). Applications are also welcome from individuals who do not possess the above qualifications but who have significant management experience. Where apprentices do not have Maths and English at the required level upon entry, support will be provided.

## Fees and funding

Costs associated with providing the degree, skills mentoring and programme management are included in Degree Apprenticeship fees. The fees can be covered using different funding options, depending on the size of the employer.

**For employers with a payroll below £3 million:** The Government will pay 95% of the cost of the Apprenticeship training and assessment for apprentices of any age, for employers who will not be paying the Apprenticeship levy. You may also be eligible for extra employer incentives.

**For employers with a payroll above £3 million:** From May 2017, employers will be able to use their Apprenticeship Levy contributions towards the cost of the Apprenticeship using their digital account.

We will agree a payment schedule and discuss funding availability before you start the Apprenticeship and ensure the cost to your business is clear upfront.

\* Please note that currently, neither the Apprenticeship levy nor the 95% Government subsidy can be used to offset salary costs.

## Are you interested?

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