

Apprenticeships +

Engineering
Technician
(Mechatronics)

Apprenticeship
Level 3





Quick Information

New Apprenticeship Standard designed by employers for employers

Sector

Engineering and manufacturing

Who is it for?

New or existing staff

Start date

September (other dates available depending on availability)

Level

Level 3

Duration

42 months (this does not include EPA period)

How does it work?

Delivered in your workplace with one day a week in College and tutor visits every 6 – 8 weeks

Content

Level 2 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Foundation Competence)

Level 2 Award for Foundation Phase Gateway Assessment

Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Competence) – Mechatronics Maintenance Technician

Edexcel Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering

Assessment

Foundation competence and development knowledge will be assessed within college

Development competence will be assessed within the workplace

Qualification

Engineering Technician (mechatronics pathway)

Review

The apprenticeship will be reviewed after a maximum of 3 years

Engineering Technician (Mechatronics)

Designing, building, servicing and repairing a range of engineering products and services

Engineering Technicians in the Aerospace, Aviation, Automotive, Maritime Defence and wider Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Sector are predominantly involved in highly skilled, complex work and must, as a minimum be able to:

- Apply safe systems of working
- Make a technical contribution to either the design, development, quality assurance, manufacture, installation, commissioning, decommissioning, operation or maintenance of products, equipment, systems, processes or services
- Apply proven techniques and procedures to solve engineering/manufacturing problems
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills in communicating both technical and non-technical information
- Have a commitment to continued professional development

Engineering Technicians take responsibility for the quality and accuracy of the work they undertake within the limits of their personal authority. They also need to be able to demonstrate a core set of behaviours in order to be competent in their job role, complement wider business strategy and development. This will enable them to support their long term career development.

Engineered and manufactured products and systems that Engineering Technicians work on could involve mechanical, electrical, electronic, electromechanical and fluid power components/systems.



Key Areas of Study

In the first 2 years of the Apprenticeship, Apprentices will learn practical skills such as wiring and testing, had fitting techniques, communicating technical information and business improvement.

In the final 2 years they will complete learning in college around Health and Safety, electrical and mechanical principles, engineering project and mathematics.

Typical job titles:

Engineering Technician, Machinist, Mechatronics Engineer and Toolmaker

Sector Wide

1. Machinist – Advanced Manufacturing Engineering
2. Mechatronics Maintenance Technician
3. Product Design and Development Technician
4. Toolmaker and Tool and Die Maintenance Technician
5. Technical Support Technician

Core Knowledge & Skills

Engineering Technicians are able to demonstrate:

Knowledge:

- understanding the importance of complying with statutory, quality, organisational and health and safety regulations
- understanding of general engineering/manufacturing mathematical and scientific principles, methods, techniques, graphical expressions, symbols formulae and calculations used by engineering technicians.
- understanding the structure, properties and characteristics of common materials used in the sector.
- understanding the typical problems that may arise within their normal work activities/environment.
- understanding approved diagnostic methods and techniques used to help solve engineering/manufacturing problems.
- understanding the importance of only using current approved processes, procedures, documentation and the potential implications for the organisation if this is not adhered to.
- understanding and interpreting relevant engineering/manufacturing data and documentation in order to

complete their job role.

- understanding the different roles and functions in the organisation and how they interact.
- understanding why it is important for an organisation to continually review their processes and procedures.

Skills:

- obtaining, checking and using the appropriate documentation (such as job instructions, drawings, quality control documentation).
- working safely at all times, complying with health, safety and environmental legislation, regulations and organisational requirements.
- planning and where applicable obtaining all the resources required to undertake the work activity.
- undertaking the work activity using the correct processes, procedures and equipment.
- carrying out the required checks (such as quality, compliance or testing) using the correct procedures, processes and/or equipment.
- dealing promptly and effectively with engineering/manufacturing problems within the limits of their responsibility using approved diagnostic methods and techniques and report those which cannot be resolved to the appropriate personnel.
- completing any required documentation using the defined recording systems at the appropriate stages of the work activity.
- restoring the work area on completion of the activity and where applicable return any resources and consumables to the appropriate location.

Behaviours

The required behaviours are:

1. Personal responsibility, resilience and ethics. Comply with health and safety guidance and procedures, be disciplined and have a responsible approach to risk, work diligently at all times, accept responsibility for managing time and workload and stay motivated and committed when facing challenges. Comply with any organisational policies/codes of conduct in relation to ethical compliance
2. Work effectively in teams. Integrate with the team, support other people, consider implications of their actions on other people and the business
3. Effective communication and interpersonal skills, open and honest communicator, communicating clearly using appropriate methods, listening to others and have a positive and respectful attitude
4. Focus on quality and problem solving. Follow instructions and guidance, demonstrates attention to detail, follow a logical approach to problem solving and seek opportunities to improve quality, speed and efficiency
5. Continuous personal development. Reflect on skills, knowledge and behaviours and seeks opportunities to develop, adapt to different situations, environments or technologies and have a positive attitude to feedback and advice

Entry Requirements

Individual employers will set the recruitment and selection criteria for their Apprenticeships. In order to optimise success, candidates will typically have 4 GCSEs at Grade C/4 or equivalent, including Mathematics, English and a Science.

Duration of Apprenticeship

Typically 42-48 months - timescales may vary depending on occupational role and/or prior relevant qualifications / experience and Assessment of Prior Learning and Knowledge (APL/K) opportunities.

Qualifications and Development

All apprentices will be required to achieve as a minimum:

- An employer approved Level 2 Foundation Competence qualification
- An employer approved Level 3 Development Competence qualification
- An employer approved Level 3 Development Technical Knowledge qualification
- Apprentices without Level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking end point assessment
- See section Employer Specific Requirements of this Standard for further details on the specific mandatory qualifications required for each job role

All of the qualification requirements in the foundation and development phases are mandatory outcomes for the completion and final certification of the Apprenticeship Standard. Each qualification has a core and options approach and employers will select the most applicable pathway and unit options to meet their organisational requirements.

There will be an end point assessment during the final phase of the Apprenticeship where the apprentice will need to demonstrate to the employer how they have achieved full occupational competence against, skills, knowledge and behaviours, set out in the Standard. On successful completion of the End Point assessment and employer endorsement phase (final sign off) apprentices will be then be put forward to be awarded their Apprenticeship completion certificate.

Professional Recognition

Completion of the Apprenticeship is designed to be recognised by relevant Professional Engineering Institutions at the appropriate level of professional registration (EngTech). In the case of the Military specific pathway in the Aircraft Maintenance Fitter/Technician Standard, professional competence will be recognised by the Military Independent Assessment Authority (MIAA).

Level and Review

This Apprenticeship Standard is at Level 3 and will be reviewed as a minimum every three years.

Options: Sector/Occupational Specific Role Requirements – Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours (NB All Mandatory Qualifications listed in sections 1-13 to be made available by September 2017)

Sector Wide Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering

Mechatronics Maintenance Technician

Role Profile

Mechatronics Maintenance Technicians ensure that plant and equipment perform to the required standard to facilitate production targets regarding Safety, Quality, Delivery and Cost within High Value Manufacturing environments. Typically the work would cover a broad range of activities include installation, testing, fault finding and the on-going planned maintenance of complex automated equipment. This requires the application of a complex blend of skills, knowledge and occupational behaviours across the electrical, electronic, mechanical, fluid power and control systems disciplines.

Specific Specialist Knowledge and Skills

Specific Specialist Knowledge:

- understand mathematical techniques, formula and calculations in a mechatronics maintenance environment and the type of equipment being maintained
- understand mechanical, electrical, electronic, fluid power and process control principles in a mechatronics maintenance environment
- understand how equipment being maintained functions and operating parameters in individual components and how they interact
- understand fault diagnostic methods, techniques and equipment used when maintaining equipment and systems
- understand condition monitoring methods and equipment used and understand how the information gained supports the planning of maintenance activities
- understand how to minimise machinery downtime by implementing planned preventative maintenance programmes

Specific Specialist Skills:

- read and interpret relevant data and documentation used to maintain components, equipment and systems
- carry out condition monitoring of plant and equipment
- carry out planned maintenance activities on plant and equipment
- carrying out complex fault diagnosis and repair activities on high technology engineered systems such as:
 - Maintaining mechanical equipment
 - Maintaining fluid & pneumatic power equipment
 - Maintaining electrical & electronic equipment
 - Maintaining process control equipment
- carrying out confirmation testing and subsequent smooth hand over of equipment & plant support the installation,

testing and commissioning of equipment (where applicable).

- contribute to the business by identifying possible opportunities for improving working practices, processes and/or procedures

Mandatory Qualifications

After a period of foundation skills and technical knowledge development all apprentices will be required to achieve the following qualifications

- Level 2 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Foundation Competence)
- Level 2 Award for Foundation Phase Gateway Assessment

After a further period of skills and technical knowledge development all apprentices will be required to achieve the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Competence) – Mechatronics Maintenance Technician

Plus **one** of the following

- Level 3 Diploma in Engineering Technology (QCF) – for starts up to June 2017 only
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering Technologies (QCF) – for starts up to June 2017 only
- Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Knowledge) – for all starts from 1st July 2017

Training, Tutoring and Assessment

Apprentices will complete practical and theory assessments in college on day release for their first two years on programme. In year 3 the apprentice will start on their development knowledge on day release for a further two years whilst also completing their development competency qualification within the workplace with their work based assessor. All four mandatory qualifications must be achieved in order to progress to end point assessment.

End Point Assessment

The employer undertakes a Portfolio based Occupational Competence Validation Interview (Viva).

A nominated Professional Engineering Institution (PEI) or Military Independent Assessment Authority (MIAA) undertakes the independent assessment to determine if the apprentice has met the Engineering Technician requirements as defined by the UK-SPEC or relevant Military Professional Competence (MPC) requirements.

The PEI/MIAA will also undertake an independent quality assurance of the Employer Viva Interview documentation and checks that the employer approved mandatory qualifications achieved during the on programme phase and checked at Gateway 2 have been achieved and certificated.

For more information on the assessment for the Engineering Technician (Mechatronics) Apprenticeship please see the full assessment plan in the Apprenticeship Standard documentation. We will arrange the End Point Assessment.



Apprentice Entry Requirements

Desirable for an apprentice to already have Maths and English at Grade 4 or above or an equivalent.

Progression Opportunities

Follow the completion of this Apprenticeship standard the Apprentice could look to progress onto a Level 4 Apprenticeship.

More Information

To find out more about the opportunities and financing of apprenticeships and to discuss your particular requirements, please email apprenticeshipsandtraining@sheffcol.ac.uk or call **0114 260 2600** to speak to one of our friendly employer advisors.

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