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# LEVEL 7 ARCHITECT APPRENTICESHIP



# Level 7 Architect Apprenticeship

The apprenticeship offers a stimulating, direct and cost-effective route for those holding first degrees in architecture who wish to progress to professional registration.

## Working with the University of Kent

At Kent, we have a team combining a range of academic specialisms with extensive experience in architectural practice. Many of our staff are registered architects with decades of experience designing award-winning buildings of international significance and holding senior positions in leading practices.

Following the most recent Research Excellence Framework, in which 88% of our research and 100% of our research environment was judged to be world-leading or internationally-excellent, the School of Architecture, Design and Planning (ADP) was ranked 6th for research quality by the *Times Higher Education*.

Apprentices and employers alike benefit from a blended learning model, combining intensive blocks of in-person teaching with remote tutorial support. Twenty per cent of the apprentice's paid hours should be spent completing off-the-job training, which the University provides.

## Standard profile

The Level 7 Architect Apprenticeship Standard integrates academic education with practice-based experience to provide an effective and efficient route for those holding first degrees (ARB/RIBA Part 1 qualifications) to progress rapidly to professional registration and independent practice. Those completing the apprenticeship are awarded the University of Kent's MArch (Part 2) and Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Practice (Part 3) academic qualifications, and are eligible to register with the Architects Registration Board.

## Course overview

The academic curriculum of the apprenticeship is designed to provide all of the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours required by the Institute of Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE), and the Part 2 and Part 3 Criteria and Graduate Attributes defined by the ARB and RIBA. Apprentices are prepared for the increasing complexity of current architectural practice, including the challenges posed by the climate emergency, the need to improve fire and life safety following the Grenfell disaster, and wider ethical, environmental, technological, commercial, social and cultural issues.



Real-world constraints are seen not as impediments but as stimulants to creativity. Apprentices work on design projects grounded in local and regional contexts. Drawing on global expertise and research they address objective and realistic challenges, responding with appropriate, innovative and, in some cases, extraordinary design strategies.

ADP's staff are at the forefront of current innovations in UK architectural education, through their very active involvement in the Standing Conference of Schools of Architecture (SCOSA), the Association for Professional Studies in Architecture (APSA) and regulatory bodies, notably the ARB and RIBA.

## Entry requirements

Apprentices need to be employed in a suitable Architectural Assistant role with workplace learning opportunities and hold an approved ARB Part 1 qualification.

## Start date and duration

The apprenticeship starts in early-mid September each year. The total duration of the apprenticeship (including the practice-based End Point Assessment) is 43 months.

## Qualification

Upon successful completion, apprentices will gain a Level 7 Architect Apprenticeship Award.

Completing this apprenticeship also provides automatic entitlement to ARB status, which gives you access to Chartered Membership of RIBA.

This programme also enables apprentices to gain Master of Architecture (MArch, Part 2) and Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Practice (Part 3) alongside the apprenticeship.

## Cost

The cost of this course is £21,000 which can be covered by the apprenticeship levy or by government co-investment. Other costs to consider that are not covered by funding include travel and accommodation at block teaching (if required).

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