



Academic Professional Apprenticeship (APA)

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This programme will run alongside the PGCert HE and provide an Apprenticeship route for early-career academics who are eligible to achieve a teaching qualification and FHEA. Those who are not eligible will take the PGCert HE.

The route an individual takes will usually be determined by eligibility, not preference. This includes:

- Residency: see requirements [here](#) (ordinarily resident in UK (for non-EEA citizens) or EEA (for EEA citizens) for 3 years prior to the programme starting. Participants must also be resident in the UK for 50% of their time.
- Prior Learning: if an individual has too much prior learning to be eligible as an apprentice they will take either the PGCert or a direct GOLD application, to be determined in discussion with the individual and their line manager.
- Level 2 English & Maths and ability to evidence this e.g. GCSE/Higher/Leaving Cert/Baccalaureate certificates, [ENIC](#) equivalency statement.

The key differences are outlined in the table below:

PGCert	APA
13 months (Sept 2023-Oct 2024)	18 months (Sept 2023-June 2025)
Time allocation negotiated with individual's school and/or line manager: usually 10%	1 day/week mandatory time spent in off-the-job learning
3 modules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACAD 1286: Learning, Teaching & Assessing in HE 2. ACAD 1438: Reflective Practitioner Development in HE 3. 1 of 3 option modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tech-enhanced learning ○ Assessment and feedback ○ Curriculum development 	4 modules: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACAD 1286: Learning, Teaching & Assessing in HE 2. ACAD 1438: Reflective Practitioner Development in HE 3. 1 of 3 option modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tech-enhanced learning ○ Assessment and feedback ○ Curriculum development 4. ACAD 1456: Endpoint Assessment preparation
Mapped to UK Professional Standards Framework Descriptor 2	Mapped to Academic Professional Apprenticeship Standard (Teaching) – which includes UKPSF D2
No endpoint assessment	Endpoint Assessment: Professional Practice Assessment (1 hour assessed teaching practice); 1 hour Professional Conversation with independent assessor; written submission.
Informal meetings with mentor	Termly Review meetings between mentor/line manager, apprentice & APA representative

Please see overleaf for a diagram of the APA structure. Please send all inquiries to e.kennedy@greenwich.ac.uk.



Term 1 (Sep-Dec) 2023	Term 2 (Jan-Mar) 2024	Term 3 (Apr-June) 2024	Summer 2024	Term 1 & 2 2024-25	May-July 2025
<p>ACAD 1286 (Learning, Teaching & Assessing): weekly 1h webinars</p> <p>Microteaching: book a date in October</p> <p>ACAD 1438 (Portfolio): Webinars in weeks 2, 3, 4</p>	<p>ACAD 1438 (Portfolio): weekly 1h webinars</p>	<p>Options – ACAD 1437: (Curriculum Design), ACAD 1440 (Assessment & Feedback), ACAD 1441 (Technology-Enhanced Learning)</p>	<p>Completing portfolio & professional discussion</p> <p>Submit portfolio by October</p>	<p>ACAD1456: Endpoint Assessment Preparation</p> <p>12 x 1.5 hour webinars</p> <p>Formative 1 – December</p> <p>Formative 2 – February</p> <p>Formative 3 – April</p>	<p>Gateway meeting to ensure participant is ready for endpoint assessment.</p> <p>Endpoint assessment is conducted within three months.</p>
<p>Assessment dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formative 1: October - Formative 2: November - First TPO: December - Summative: January 	<p>Assessment dates:</p> <p>Formative – April</p>	<p>Final assessment deadline in mid-July for all options.</p>			
<p>Complete 3 Third Party Observations (TPOs) & 5 Observations of others (OOOs) by end of Term 3.</p>					

APA and PGCert

APA only