Level 6 Chartered Manager Programme

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Today's Session

- How apprenticeships work
- Programme overviews
- Delivery model
- Application Process and Key Dates

Key Information

We have partnered with Cranfield University to offer the fully funded **Level 6 Chartered Manager Programme**

This is a two-year fast-track development programme designed for experienced Grade 7 managers who already have line-management and budget-management responsibilities

It is an accelerated version of the usual 3.5-year programme, which is why it is aimed at those with existing managerial experience.

Due to expected changes in funding for apprenticeships, the timescales are shorter than usual to apply and commence the programme.

It is also envisaged that this will be the only cohort for the programme.

Key information

We are utilising the apprenticeship levy to fund this programme

There is no change to existing staff employment contracts or changes to PayScale if you commence an apprenticeship in their current job role

In order for staff to be funded, they will need to be a UK citizen or meet the eligibility for funding, please refer to the funding criteria from Department of Education

You have to dedicated 20% of your working week to this (6-8 hours), it does not have to be all in one day. This is a mandatory in order to meet the funding requirements and conditions of the programme

5% of Warwick staff undertaking an apprenticeship work part time. Typically between 30-35 hours. Any working pattern under 30 hours, we can discuss with the training provider to see if it is possible with the timetabling

We are working with an external provider: Cranfield University to deliver these programmes

There will also be some elements delivered by our Warwick Leadership and Management development team

STAFF UNDERTAKING APPRENTICESHIPS

220

Warwick staff undertaking an apprenticeship across 36 programmes — a **163 %** increase from last year.

APPRENTICE DEMOGRAPHICS

90% of apprentices are existing staff; 10% are new starters on apprenticeship contracts

Increased Diversity

22% identifying as non-white +0%

18% declaring disabilities +6%

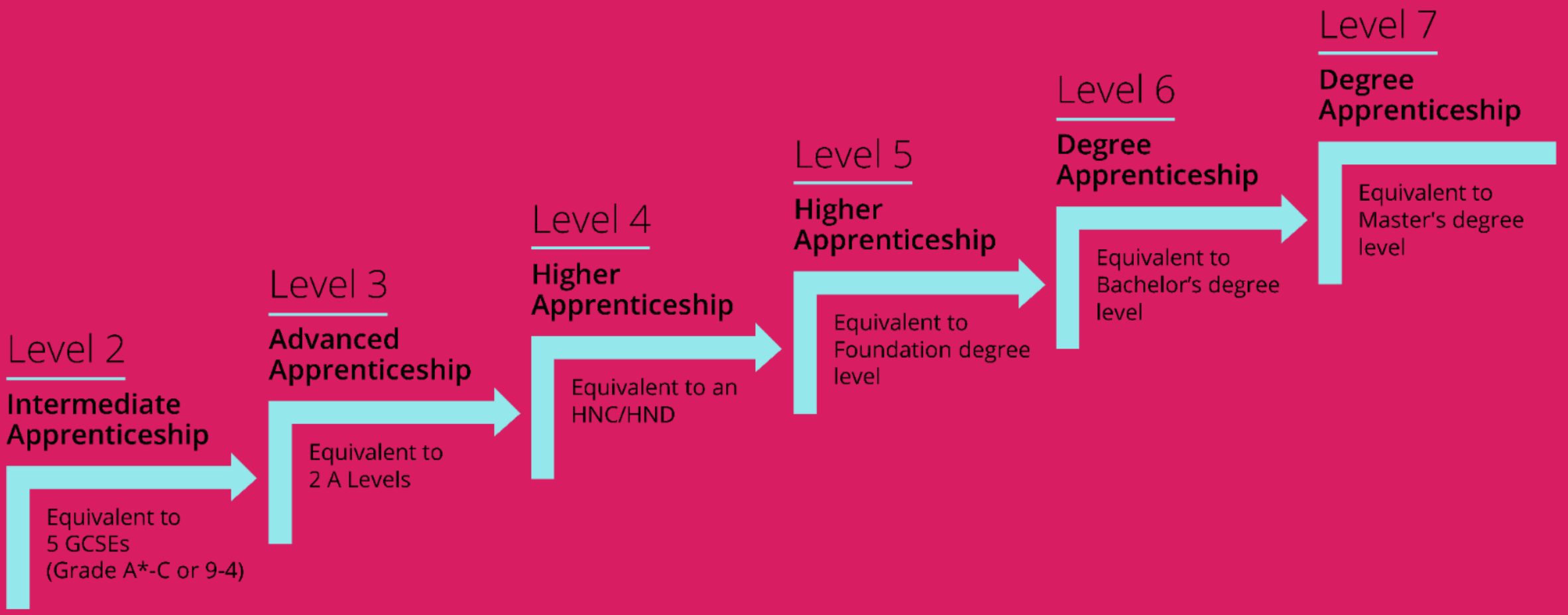
SURVEY RESULTS

85% satisfaction with training providers and professional development

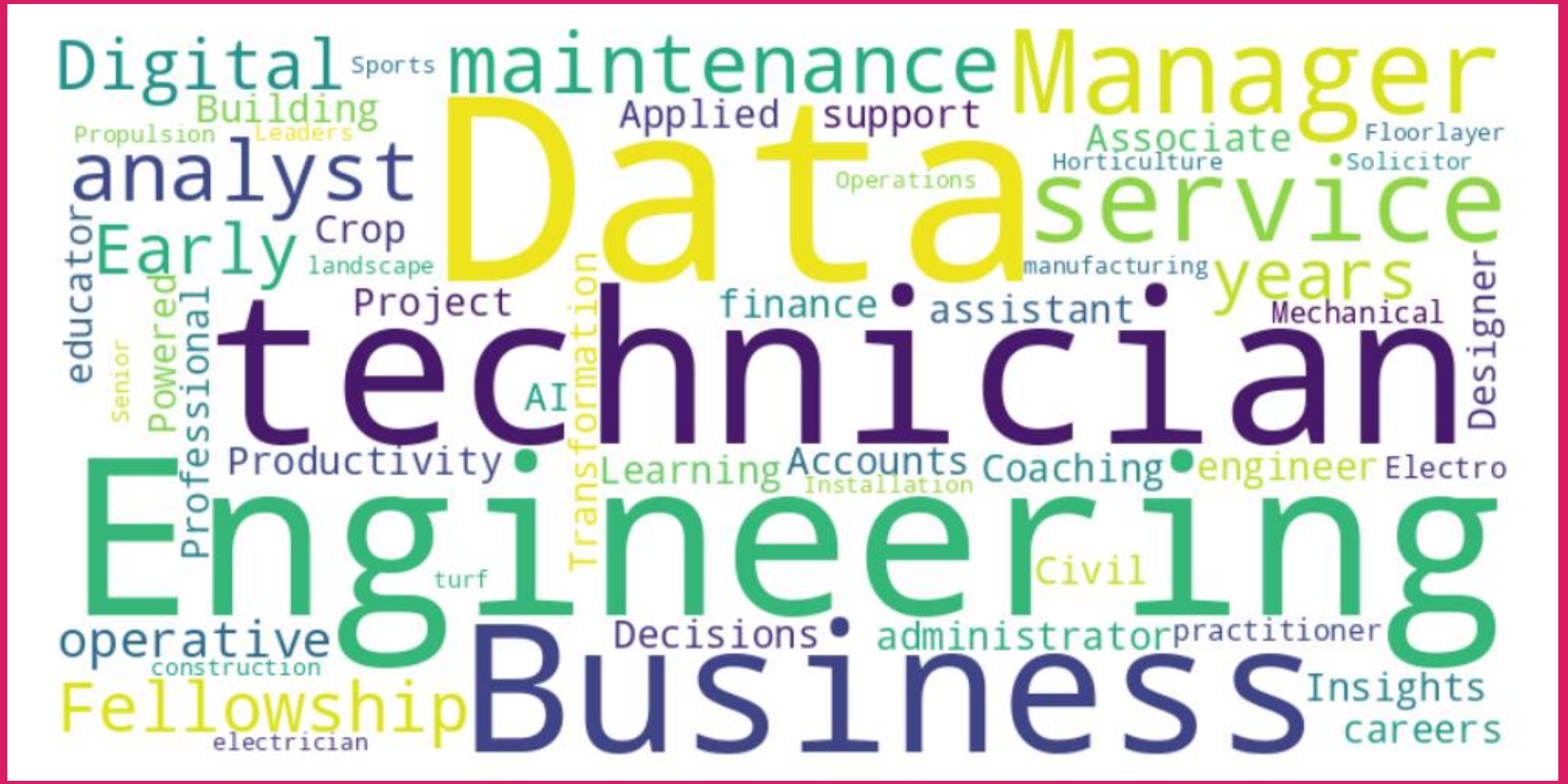
100% Line manager support

Apprenticeships at Warwick

Apprenticeship Levels Explained



Apprenticeships Accessed



Leadership and Management Development Programmes

funded via the Growth and Skills Levy

Level 3 Team Leader

Audience: Grade 3–4 staff in first-line supervisory or team leader roles (new programme for Warwick Supervisors Development Programme)

Duration: 12 months. Online delivery

Overview: Focuses on building core leadership and people management skills for those new to supervisory responsibilities.

Level 5 Operations Manager

Audience: Grade 5–6 managers (new programme for Warwick Management Development Programme)

Duration: 2 years. Online delivery

Overview: Equips mid-level managers with key operational, project, and people management skills to drive performance and team effectiveness.

Level 6 Chartered Manager

Audience: Grade 7 experienced managers with line management and some strategic responsibilities

Duration: 2 years. Delivery model - hybrid

Overview: focuses on strategic thinking, leadership, innovation, and performance improvement.

Introducing Cranfield University

Programme Overview including assessment

Key Dates

Onboarding process

Programme Outline

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Accelerated Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (CMDA)

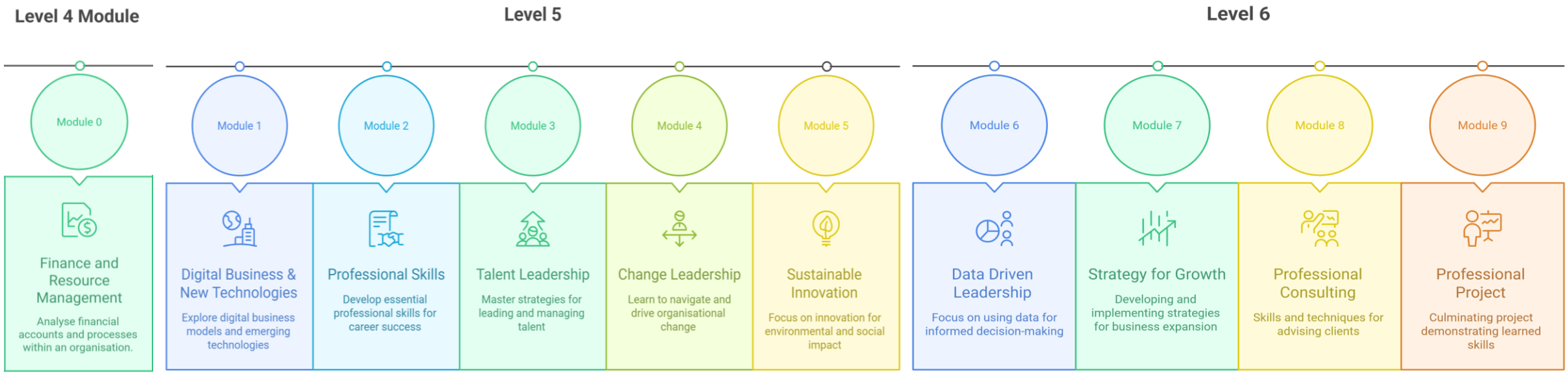
Overview

- 24 months on programme; 3 months EPA.
- Due to commence 20th April 2026 with first day of teaching set to be week commencing 27th April.
- One introductory module covering financial analysis and academic skills.
- Five modules at Level 5 covering industry skill need (i.e. Change and Talent Leadership; Digital Business and Technology; Sustainability and Innovation)
- Four modules at Level 6 covering Business Strategy, Data Driven Leadership and Consulting supported by a professional project.

Programme design

- Designed alongside industry to meet the expectations of future leaders.
- Regularly updated through an external industry advisory board.
- Integrates Cranfield's management expertise with innovative teaching methodology and industry application.
- Incorporates new technologies and emerging concepts throughout.

Curriculum Sequencing



Assessment Strategy

Written Reports

Focuses on written reports as a form of assessment.

Presentations

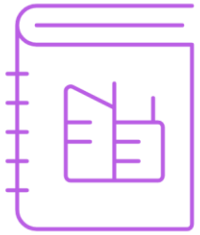
Emphasises presentations as a key assessment method.

Authentic Assessment

Ensures evaluations are relevant and applicable to the organization.

Real-World Scenarios

Integrates real-world scenarios into the assessment process.



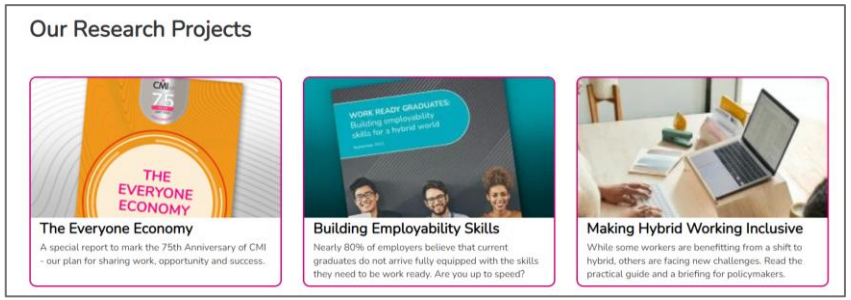
Apprenticeship Portfolio

Contributes to building a comprehensive apprenticeship portfolio.

Qualification & Outcomes

On successful completion, individuals will:

- Achieve a BSc (Hons) Business and Management degree.
- Automatically gain the CMI L5 Diploma in Management and Leadership; a professional, industry recognised qualification.
- Be entitled to apply for and receive Chartered Manager (CMgr) status.



Cranfield's support for apprentices & line managers:

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Cranfield University

Student support: The Learning Support Officers provide 121 appointments to offer information and coordinate reasonable adjustments.

Diverse learning content: Materials, resources and activities cater for different learning preferences (e.g. videos, text-based, simulations, audio recordings).

Accessible materials: Course materials are provided 2 weeks in advance, and are able to be formatted to accommodate all learning needs (e.g. transcripts for audio content; large print for visually impaired learners)

High-touch model: Apprentices are supported by a dedicated apprenticeship team; monthly drop-in sessions; student staff liaison committee meetings and 121s.

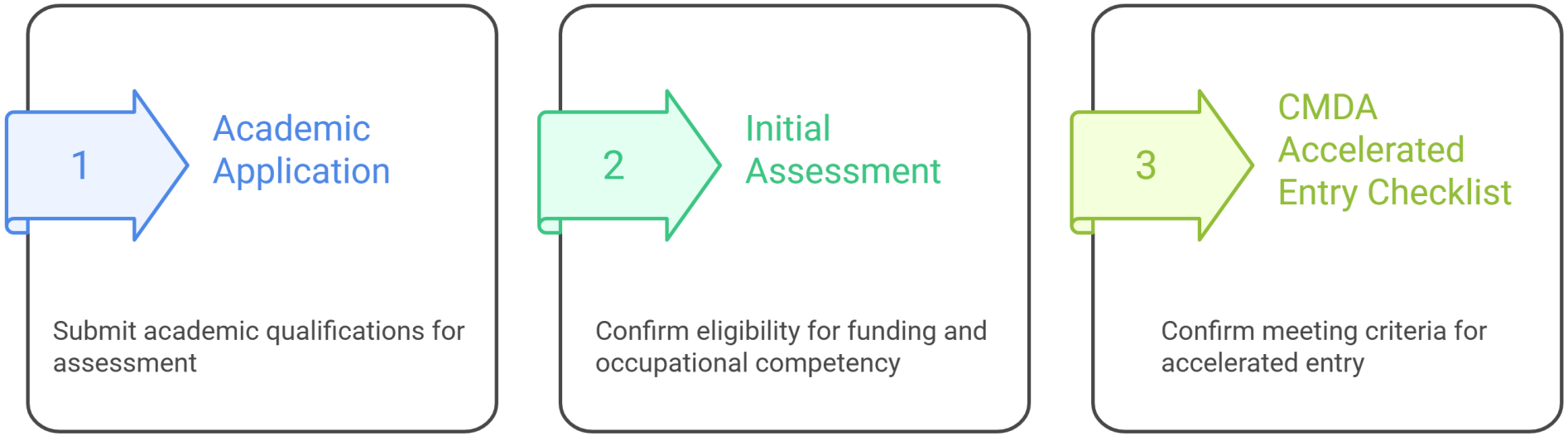
Line manager Tripartite progress meetings: All line managers will be required to attend Tripartite Review meetings every 12 weeks, with the apprentice and Apprenticeship Coach.

Quarterly line manager meetings: 2-3 meetings during the 24 month programme to understand line manager roles and responsibilities in supporting their apprentice.

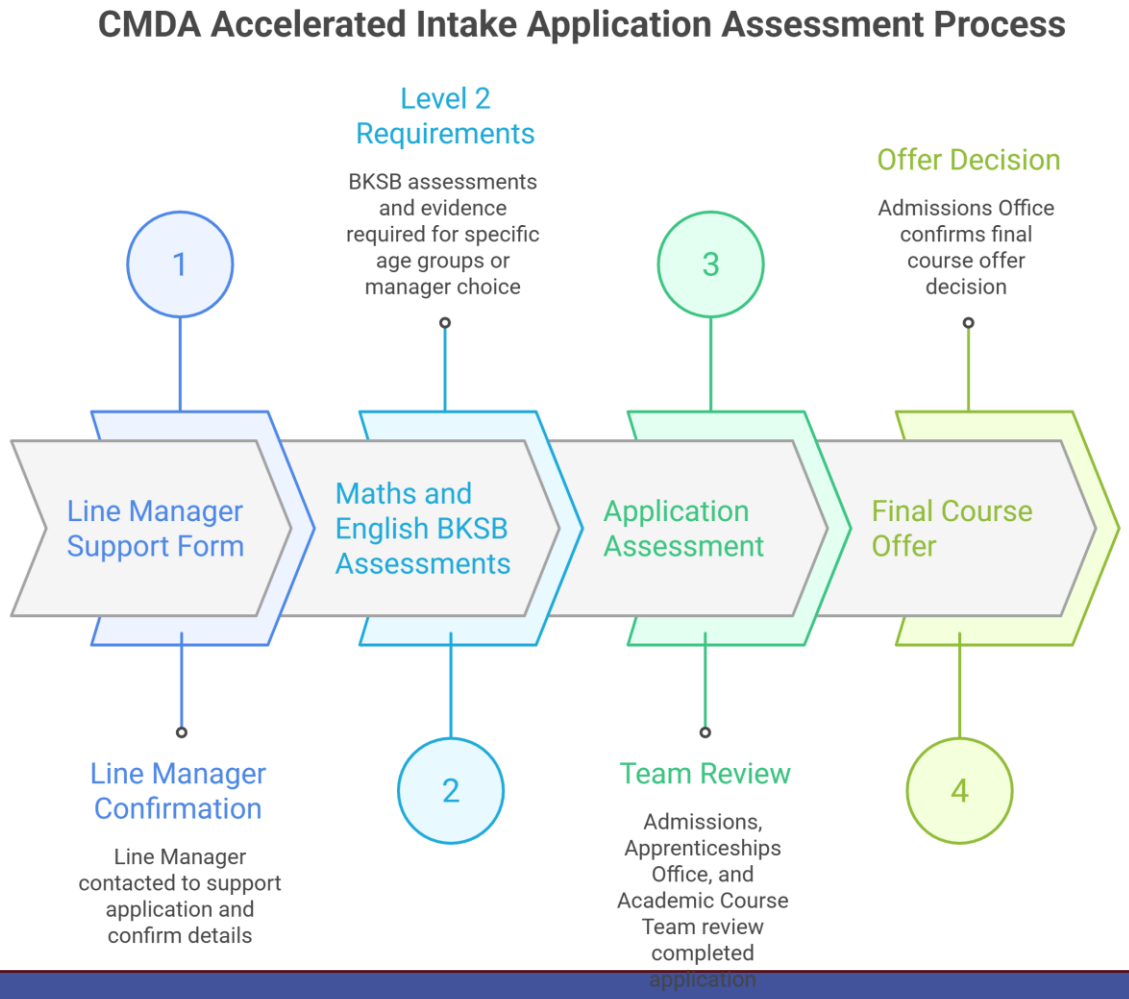
Employer Advisory Board: All line managers can be part of our Employer Advisory board – a platform to share programme feedback and ensure future skills are addressed.

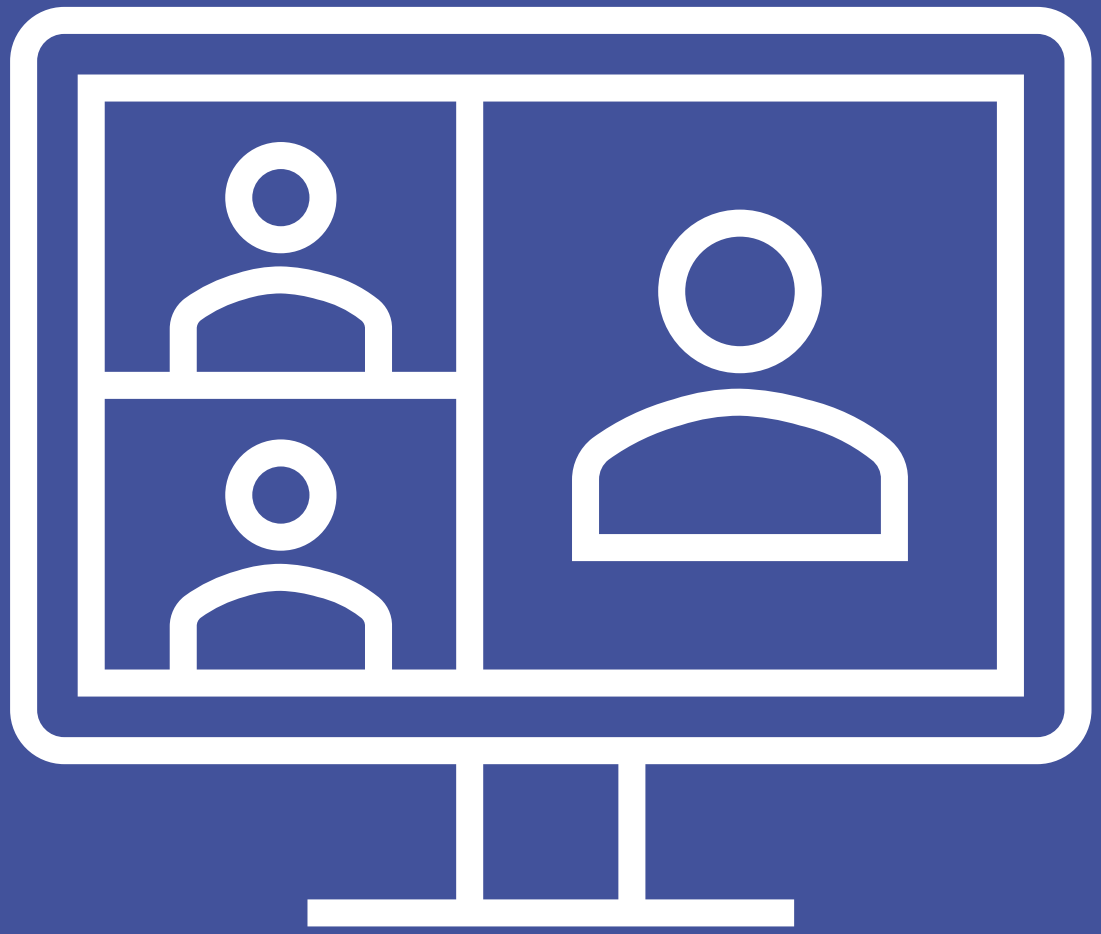
Intake Process

CMDA Accelerated Intake Application Process Completed by 24th March



Application Assessment





Additional Costs

- It is a hybrid programme and some dates are in person (in Milton Keynes) and some are delivered online.
- Year 1: 13 days in person (across 7 blocks).
- Year 2: 12 days in person (across 6 blocks).
- Travel and/or hotel costs will need to be funded locally by your own department.

Warwick Wraparound Programme

Next Steps

Applications close: Midday on 20th March 2026

Webpages including application form level 6 chartered manager programme Note: you will need a copy of your Job Description and CV for the skills scan at Cranfield later in the process.

Spaces available: 30

Confirmation on places: early April 2026

Programme start date: End of April 2026