



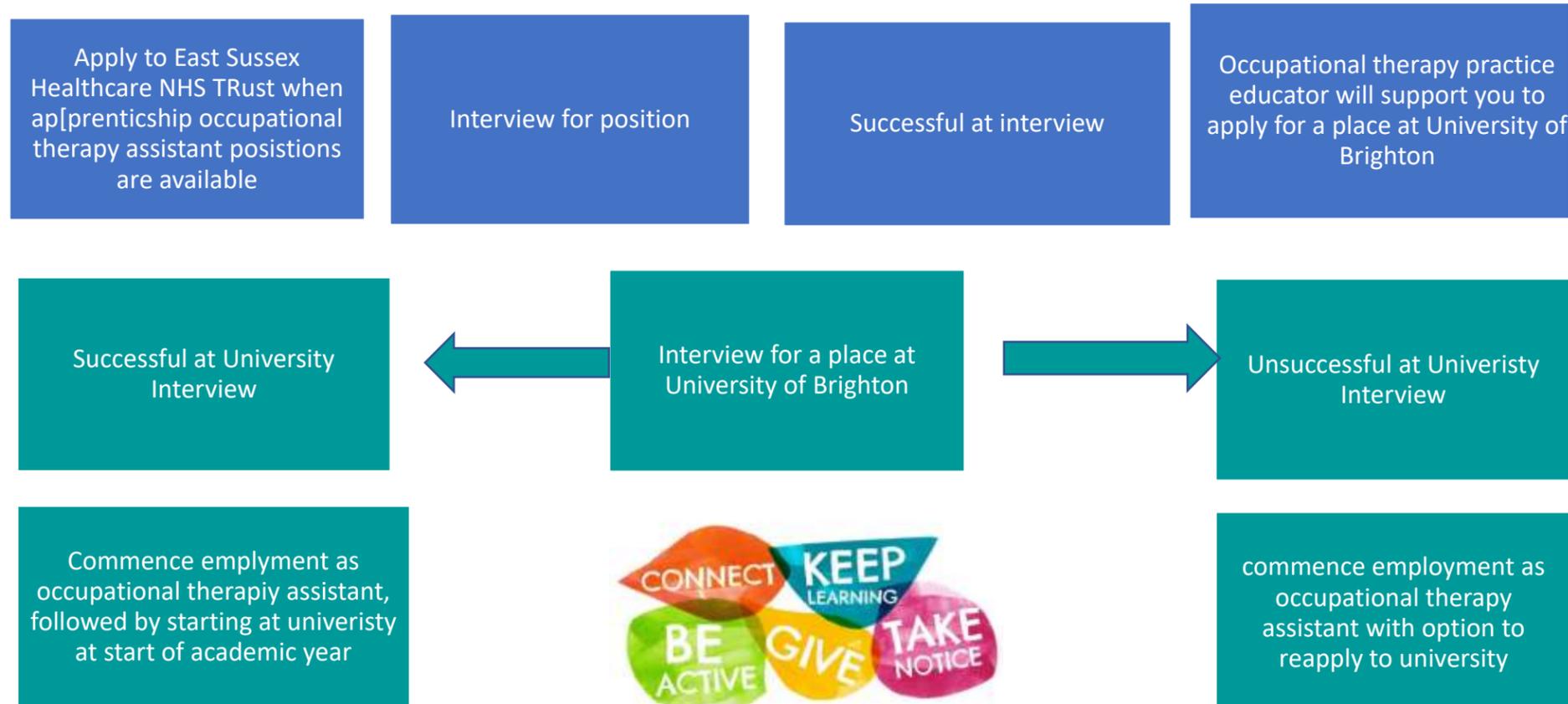
How do I become an Occupational Therapy Apprentice?

Apprenticeship pathways are a new way of being able to work as an occupational therapy assistant and attend the University of Brighton part time. The apprenticeships are advertised on NHSJobs.com at various times of the year as availability arises. Once an individual has an apprenticeship occupational therapy assistant position with East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, they will be expected to apply to the University of Brighton with support from the Occupational Therapy Practice Educator for a place on the BSc occupational therapy course.

If an individual has achieved an apprenticeship position at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust this does not mean that they automatically have a place on the university course, this must be applied for also. The apprenticeship pathway supports you to complete the university course within four years and then will support you for a further 2 years post qualifying to allow you to engage in the band 5 rotation programme.



Apprenticeship Pathway



SUPPORT

You can expect to be involved with the apprenticeship forum if you are either seconded or an apprentice from East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. Within the apprenticeship forum you will be with other apprentices and seconded occupational therapy staff that may be at different points in their training and can offer insight into managing your time wisely and where to go at university for support. You will also be supported by the Occupational Therapy Practice Educator within this forum and can speak privately or within the group about any work or university related issues. This forum runs monthly. You can also expect to be appointed a mentor and a supervisor whilst training. Your mentor will help you with managing your new job and university demands whereas your supervisor will support you in the workplace.

