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regional college

Derry~Londonderry • Limavady • Strabane



Our future starts
with NWRC 🤖

FROM HERE TO CAREER

Full-Time Courses **2025/26**

University
Level Courses
on your doorstep

YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT

At NWRC you will be a part
of a vibrant student community
from every walk of life.

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YOUR
COLLEGE



Principal's Welcome



Leo Murphy
Principal and Chief Executive



Thank you for considering North West Regional College (NWRC) as the next step in your career journey.

We are a vibrant, diverse and multi award winning College where our students are at the heart of all that we do. We aim to provide you with every opportunity to gain the skills, qualifications and experience you need to succeed on your study programme or apprenticeship to allow you to progress onto higher level study and to gain rewarding work in the career you choose.

We work hard to ensure you receive the highest standard of practical and learning support during your time at the College.

Our lecturers are experts in their field and courses are delivered in state-of-the-art, industry standard teaching and training facilities which are continually being reviewed and updated.

Our friendly support staff are always on hand to provide you with advice and any additional support you may need, in an enriching and inclusive environment.

I am especially proud of the new portfolio of university level courses we are offering once again this year with the Open University - a significant development for higher education across our City and Region.

Join our Students' Union and get involved in a number of exciting activities organised by staff and students during the year, or take part in the wide range of social and sporting opportunities on offer.

This course guide aims to provide you with the information you need to make the right choice about your future.

I look forward to meeting you in September, and I wish you the very best of luck with your studies in our College.



Reasons to Love NWRC

1st
in NI for
Teaching¹

95%
of UK Universities²
accept BTEC Qualifications
(including top universities from
the Russell Group)

**Financial
Support**
available to fund
your studies

**Smaller
Class Sizes**
than university
mean you get more
1-to-1 support

**Study and
Train Abroad
for free**
on our International
programmes

**Our Level 3
Extended Diplomas
are equivalent to
3 A-Levels**
Recognised by
employers and top
universities

**Celebrate
at our annual
Graduation
Ceremony³**

15%
Student Discount
at our Hair & Beauty
Salons

**Free
College
Gym**
with the latest
equipment

**Work
Placements**
to enhance your
employability

98%
of students would
recommend
NWRC to a friend¹

**No
Tuition
Fees***

*All full-time FE courses
(Level 1-3) are free

Campus Facilities

Strand Road Campus

Our largest campus, situated alongside the city's picturesque quayside, boasts industry-standard, cutting-edge facilities to support your learning. Conveniently located only 10 mins by foot from Foyle Street bus station. Facilities include:

- Gym and Fitness Suite
- Art and Design studios
- Hair and Beauty salons with thermal spa*
- 170-seat performance theatre
- Dance studio
- Music recording studio
- TV production studio
- Photography studio
- News and Radio studio
- Multimedia computing suites with the latest industry software
- The Flying Clipper fine-dining restaurant, café and barista bar*
- Fully-equipped Science, ICT and Engineering Labs
- Library and Learning Resource Centre
- Open access Careers Academy
- Innovation Centres – DIAL (Design Innovation for Assisted Living) and Foodovation

Springtown Campus

We have recently completed a multi-million pound redevelopment of our Springtown campus following investment from the Department for the Economy (DfE), including our new innovative i4.0 Centre.

This funding has delivered a vibrant, state-of-the-art learning environment for Apprenticeships and Traineeships in areas such as:

- Brickwork
- Carpentry and joinery
- Electrical installation
- Fabrication and welding
- Painting and decorating
- Motor vehicle maintenance and repair
- Plumbing

Limavady Campus

Providing learning and training to the Limavady Borough for more than 100 years. Facilities include:

- Dental surgery
- Veterinary nursing lab
- Hair and Beauty salons*
- Garnett's fine-dining restaurant*
- Art and Design wing and creative studios
- Sport and fitness testing lab
- Health science laboratory
- IT and multimedia suites
- Library and Learning Resource Centre

Greystone Campus

This state-of-the-art training facility based in Limavady features the latest equipment and technology for courses in Engineering, Construction, Wood Occupations, Brickwork, Tiling and Motor Vehicle Maintenance.

Our Product Design Centre, also based at Greystone campus, helps entrepreneurs create new products, taking them from conception to production. This specialist innovation centre is the first of its kind in the North West.

Strabane Campus

Located centrally in the heart of the town, Strabane campus offers first rate teaching in a traditional listed building, supported by an additional extension and refurbished with modern facilities, including:

- Hair and Beauty salons*
- Vocational training workshops
- Horticulture greenhouse and garden
- Fully resourced IT suite and classrooms
- Library and Learning Resource Centre
- Students' Union



Book a Campus Tour
marketing@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/our-campus

1st
FE College in
NI for Learning
Resources*

*NSS 2024



▲ Strand Road Campus



Limavady Campus ▲



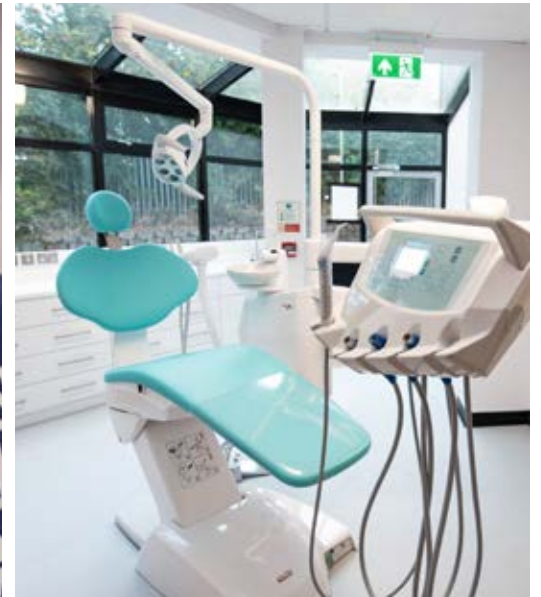
▲ Strabane Campus



Springtown Campus ▲



▲ Greystone Campus



College Highlights

It has been an incredible year for NWRC. We are immensely proud of the achievements of our staff and students. Here are some of our biggest awards and success stories from 2024.

Inspirational Educator Award

King's Trust Team leader **Sean Curran** won the **2024 Derry Journal People of the Year 'Inspirational Educator' Award**.

Sean was singled out for his work which is changing the lives of young people every day, inspiring them to return to education, grow in confidence or enter the workplace.

NCFE UK Learner of the Year

Travel & Tourism student and avid trainspotter, **Matthew McGroarty**, was named the **2024 UK Learner of the Year** at the NCFE's Aspiration Awards. During his course, Matthew secured a placement with Translink at Coleraine train station, providing him with a first-hand look at the inner workings of the transport industry.

Matthew has now progressed onto a Foundation Degree with NWRC.



Student Journalist of the Year

Journalism student **Callum McGuigan** won **Student Journalist of the Year Award** at the prestigious CIPR Media Awards. Callum studied the Level 5 NCTJ Diploma in Journalism while working for the Ulster Herald.

SSE Renewables Scholarship Fund

27 NWRC students studying Higher Education courses were awarded scholarships from the **SSE Renewables Scholarship Fund**.

The students are currently studying across a range of subject areas including Art & Design, Engineering & Renewables, Media and Music.

FE NI Excellence Awards

Eight NWRC students and two staff were honoured in the first ever **Further Education NI Excellence Awards**. The inaugural awards ceremony reflected the wide range of learning and pathways available at FE Colleges.

PARANOISE Album

Music and Performing Arts students launched an album themed on positive attitude towards mental health. **PARANOISE** is a collaborative album featuring original songs written by students as part of their 'Hear Us Out' project.

The album is available on all major music streaming platforms.



www.citbni.org.uk



Rebecca wins Gold at the CITB Skill Build NI Regional Competition

Wall and Floor Tiling Trainee **Rebecca Gavigan** from our Greystone Campus won **GOLD** at the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) annual Skill Build NI Regional Competition hosted by South West College.

Rebecca is now officially recognised as the top professional in her field in Northern Ireland and progressed to represent the region in the UK Skill Build finals held in Milton Keynes.



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STUDENT LIFE



Sports, Clubs & Events

Become a
Student Ambassador
Earn freebies,
plus lots more!
(see page 22)

Life at NWRC is about so much more than just studying. It is also about broadening your horizons by embracing new experiences and building friendships right across the College.

Sports Clubs

If you're feeling sporty we offer a wide range of sporting activities through our Students' Union. From football to martial arts, basketball to outdoor pursuits, we've got plenty to keep you busy!

The College has a fully-equipped gym (located at Strand Road campus) which is free for all NWRC students.

Clubs and Societies

A fantastic way to make the most of your time at NWRC is to join one (or more!) of the many clubs and societies that the College has to offer. They are all **100% free** so there's no reason not to get involved.

If you can't find a club or society that floats your boat, then why not set up your own? All you need are a number of like-minded people to help you run it, then simply contact us and we will sort out the rest.

- Football / Gaelic
- Basketball
- Self Defence
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Gaming
- LGBTQIA+
- K-Pop
- Sustainability
- Book Club
- Anime
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Table Top Gaming
- Debate
- Art & Design
- Film Club
- Music & Performing Arts

College Open Days

Tour the facilities, meet our award-winning staff and chat with current students to find out why NWRC is the right choice for you. Missed Open Day? Why not book a tour of our facilities by emailing marketing@nwrc.ac.uk.

Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day is an amazing opportunity for you to find out about the best of what our College has to offer! Come along to meet Student Services, your Students' Union team and to take part in lots of fun, interactive activities.

And don't forget to grab yourself some freebies too!

Graduation

Every year we celebrate the achievements of our Access and Higher Education students with a prestigious Graduation ceremony held in the Millennium Forum. The ceremony is followed by live entertainment, refreshments and photography to ensure amazing memories from the day are captured.

Live Shows and Performances

Our Music and Performing Arts students consistently take center stage with their live performances.

In recent years, they have presented various productions in our Foyle Theatre, including adaptations of Pulp Fiction, Reservoir Dogs, The Big Lebowski, Shaun of the Dead, Superstar Live and Shakespeare plays.

Showcases and Competitions

We frequently deliver popular showcases in Art & Design, Hair & Beauty and Hospitality, with competitions on-going throughout the year. Students studying a vocational course also have the opportunity to battle it out for the chance to represent the College in local, regional and international Worldskills competitions.

Masterclasses

We host successful masterclasses throughout the year, giving students the opportunity to learn from leading professionals and influencers. Those we have welcomed to the College in recent years include Louis Walsh (Former X-Factor Judge), Martin O'Neill (Former ROI Football Manager) and Damien McGinty (Glee).

 Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/events



Global Opportunities

We offer students the opportunity to train, study or attend skills competitions abroad; our international programmes are from one week to twelve months.

Travel for Free!

All travel, accommodation, meals and training costs are covered.



Adventure Awaits!

Our International projects give you the opportunity to enhance your learning experience, improve your self-confidence, grow aspirations and develop real-life skills as well as enjoy and experience another culture. And best of all, it's free!

Many of these opportunities are funded through the Turing Scheme programme: turing-scheme.org.uk/about/why-take-part

Cross border and international training opportunities for full-time Higher Education students are funded through Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS).

Students have participated in projects to countries across Europe including Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain and further afield such as Hong Kong and the USA.

Students also have the opportunity to apply to the British Council's 'Study USA' programme and the 'Washington Ireland Programme for Service and Leadership'.



Get in touch
international@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/international





International Students

We welcome students from all across the globe.



IMMANUEL MARTIN
Care and Health
California

"I chose to study at NWRC because of the courses on offer. I found the options to be much more affordable than the alternatives"



PEACE OBDIOWE
Care and Health
Nigeria

"I chose NWRC because of its excellent reputation and I've had an incredible experience! The staff are so supportive"



ZUZANNA ROTUSKA
Performing Arts
Poland

"I chose to study at NWRC because the course offered so much variety and I felt like it would expand my portfolio of skills"



FLOURISH AKINPELU
Early Years
Nigeria

"Browsing the College website back home I thought NWRC looked like the ideal place to restart my academic journey"

BE THE FACE OF NWRC.



**STUDENT
AMBASSADOR
PROGRAMME**
nwrc.ac.uk/ambassador



A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS.

At North West Regional College we are incredibly proud of our vibrant and diverse student community.

To inspire others to follow in your footsteps we want to showcase the college experience through the images and stories of real NWRC students.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Join our Student Ambassador programme and have your photograph taken to support the promotion of your college.

Your photo will be taken either in your learning environment or around campus, and will be considered for inclusion in College promotional activities such as our course guide, website, social media and press/media.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- **FREE** Student Ambassador pack* (includes a hoodie, backpack, stainless steel drinking bottle, headphones and more)
- Receive copies of your professional photographs
- Enhance your CV and UCAS application
- Develop new skills and work with a variety of people
- Receive a Certificate of Appreciation



◀ **SIGN UP NOW!**

Scan here to sign up or visit
nwrc.ac.uk/ambassador





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LEARNING
& **SUPPORT**



Supporting Your Study

Throughout your student journey, you will have access to our full range of support services, which includes careers guidance, mentoring, advice on finance options, professional development, health and wellbeing, learning support and more.

The Student Services team is your main source of support, information and guidance at college. It is made up of seven key support areas: the Careers Academy, Student Finance, Library, Students' Union, Learning Link, Safeguarding and Health & Wellbeing.

Tel: **028 7127 6045** (Strand Road and Strabane campus)
028 7127 8770 (Limavady campus)



Get in touch
StudentServices@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/student-services

98%
of students agree
their course has improved
their career prospects*



Your Students' Union

The Students' Union (NWRCSU) is here to make sure your time at college counts. Ensuring you feel part of the student community, supporting you to stand up for what you believe in, to speak out about the issues that matter the most to you, and helping you move forward into a bright future.

Students work in collaboration with staff to improve student life at the College. The Union is supported by a staff member from the Student Services team who has dedicated time to support Union development and activities.

The Students' Union organises Freshers' Week, Student Socials, Fundraising, Clubs & Societies, Sporting & Teambuilding activities, Clubs & Societies and SU Council Elections.

Find out more:

Tel: **028 7127 8706**

Email: student.union@nwrc.ac.uk





Student Finance

Our Student Finance team provides students with advice and guidance on funding options available to support them during their studies.

This includes bursaries, grants, student loans, tuition fees and other financial help. Student Finance is also responsible for the administration of the Hardship Fund, EMA, Care to Learn, Higher Education Bursary and the distribution of Further Education Grant and Higher Education registrations. The Education Authority pays grants directly via bank transfer.

Tel: **028 7127 6010 / 6045**
Email: **studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk**

Careers Academy

Our award-winning Careers Academy delivers a wide range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops tailored to the student's needs. We strive to close the gaps to support students to creatively meet their employment and higher education potential through the innovative development of soft and hard skills.

We provide careers information, advice and guidance before you apply and throughout your time at the college. We also provide you with information and guidance on how best to progress after course completion.

Tel: **028 7127 6111 / 6112 / 6541 / 8784 / 8863**
Email: **careers@nwrc.ac.uk**

Careers Service NI

CareersService NI works in partnership with our Careers Academy. For details visit **careersserviceni.com** or call **0300 200 7820**.

College Counselling

Our Student Services staff are trained to provide a confidential Listening Ear Service. Our Safeguarding Officer will also be able to advise and if needed refer you to a GP or Inspire Counsellor. Counselling Services at NWRC are provided in association with Inspire Student Wellbeing.

Tel: **028 7127 6000**
Email: **counselling@nwrc.ac.uk**

Learning Support

Do you have a learning difficulty or disability that may affect the way you participate in your course? This can also include medical conditions and mental health issues. The Learning Link team can create a plan tailored to your individual needs. All queries are treated in confidence. Contact us early to ensure that we can meet your needs.

Provisions we provide include:

Liaison with Tutors

- Reasonable Adjustment recommendations
- Examination Access Arrangements (e.g. extra time)

Human Support

- Note Takers, Mentors, Campus Assistants
- Sign Language Interpreters

Equipment Loan

- Laptops
- Dictaphones
- Specialist Software and Equipment

Study Skills

- Organisation
- Time Management and Planning
- Proof Reading
- Revision and Exam Techniques

While we will endeavour to meet the needs of students with learning difficulties and disabilities, parents / carers and other stakeholders must accept that there may be occasions when the College is unable to address the needs of the student.

Tel: **028 7127 6024**
Email: **learninglink@nwrc.ac.uk**

Associate Student Status

Students enrolled on a Higher Education course at our College (i.e. Foundation Degree) can avail of additional learning resources and facilities via their sponsoring qualification university - Queen's University Belfast, The Open University and Ulster University.

Services include access to the University's library, sports gym, students' union, and other open access learning spaces.

Find out more at: **nwrc.ac.uk/higher-education**

Library

Library facilities are available at our three main locations at Strand Road, Limavady and Strabane. Services include:

- Expert guidance and assistance from library staff to help you research assignments
- Digital / e-learning resources (e-journals and e-books)
- Study area and access to computer facilities
- Private study pods for individuals and small groups
- Laptop loans
- Mindfulness area
- Printing, photocopying and scanning facilities
- Binding and laminating service
- 24/7 access to specialist online databases
- Selection of stationery for sale
- Late night opening until 8pm, Tue-Thu (Strand Road)

Tel: **028 7127 6127**
Email: **library@nwrc.ac.uk**

Safeguarding

We are committed to the promotion of a caring supportive environment where staff and students can work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, so that each and every student can achieve their full potential.

To protect our young people, adolescents and adults at risk of harm or in need of protection we must take a collective approach and shared responsibility. Our vision is achieved with the cooperation of all staff at various professional levels across all academic faculties, within our support services and throughout our wider community.

Tel: **028 7127 8709**
Email: **safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk**

Young Adult Carers

Young Adult Carers are students aged 16-25 who care for a parent, sibling, or other relative on a regular basis. The person being cared for may have a physical disability, mental health illness, an addiction to drug and alcohol use or any other condition which requires them needing care, support and supervision.

The Safeguarding Team can offer a range of support to Young Adult Carers whilst they are studying at NWRC.

We are aware that every student is different and every student has different needs, therefore the support that is given will be person-centred and individual.

A support plan will be completed with the student, so the appropriate provision is put in place.

How we can help:

- Liaise with your curriculum team and other departments
- Provide pastoral support with college and home related support needs
- Signpost and refer you to local external agencies for specialist support

For more information contact:

safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk



Equality

The College is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. We promote equality of opportunity among all of our staff and students, and actively seek opportunities to promote equality between the recognised groups with a view to having an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome.

The College has been proactive in the area of equality and will continue to explore ways of facilitating students to maximise their learning experience.

SENDO

The Special Educational Needs and Disability (NI) Order 2005 (SEND0) came into effect on 1st September 2005. The principle behind the further and higher education sections of this legislation is that people with disabilities should have the same opportunities as others to benefit wherever possible from whatever education or other related provision is available.

The College welcomes calls via Relay.

Widening Access and Participation

Our aim is to improve wellbeing for everyone by providing academic pathways which are economically viable and lead to employment.

Our collaboration with universities is allowing 'Access' to Higher Education for adults who were previously made redundant, changed career direction, unemployed or those who had not considered progressing in education to access both Full and Part-Time education allowing them to rethink their educational pathway.

Our Careers Academy has an inclusive ethos supporting the Widening Access and Participation Plan with the Widening Access and Participation Officer working with disadvantaged communities and delivering the 'Inspire' programme.

Bursaries and Scholarships

We also support a Widening Access and Participation Bursary which is a scholarship aimed at Full-Time Higher Education students which helps with the cost of tuition fees from those from under-represented backgrounds.

International Funded Programmes

We also offer opportunities for students with Special Educational Needs and those from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake an international training mobility through various funded programmes including the Turing Scheme.

We understand that being involved in international projects can enhance innovation. Research shows that student mobilities increase life experience of travel, which can greatly enhance learning.

For more information contact:

international@nwrc.ac.uk

Enhanced Access NI Check

Students going on work placement into regulated activity are required to complete an Enhanced Access NI check.

NWRC is committed to processing Criminal Record Checks in accordance with the Access NI Code of Practice, which is available on the Access NI website. Alternatively, copies can be requested from Student Services at the College.

AccessAble

Applicants with a disability are encouraged to view our AccessAble guides at **www.accessable.co.uk**, which provide important accessibility information on College facilities at each campus location.

Criminal Convictions and Disclosure

NWRC actively promotes equality of opportunity for all and welcomes enrolments from students with criminal convictions. However, to manage risk, you must tell us about any unspent convictions you have. You should do this by declaring this on the College's application and enrolment forms.

Certain courses require you to consider spent as well as unspent criminal convictions. In such instances, you must disclose all past offences as it may impact on your career progression. By disclosing criminal convictions, you will not automatically be excluded from the application/enrolment process.

Students that disclose a criminal history will be required to complete a Safeguarding Student Criminal Offence Disclosure form. The College will assess the risk that you may pose and determine whether it can be managed. You will be advised about the outcome of this process as quickly as possible. If you are convicted of a criminal offence after you have applied, you must contact the Safeguarding Team and tell them about this.

For more information, contact our Safeguarding Officer by emailing **safeguarding@nwrc.ac.uk**.



98%

of students agree the College provides an inclusive learning environment*



Money Matters



Whether it's advice on grants, fees, loans, or bursaries our Student Finance team can help you explore all the options available based on your personal circumstances.

Student Funding, Loans and Grants

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you are a UK resident and aged under 20 years old on 30 June 2025, you could receive up to £30 per week, plus two bonus payments of £100 per year, for coming to College.

Application forms are available from Student Services or download a copy online: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/how-apply-education-maintenance-allowance.

Support Fund

The College may provide help to students with evidence of financial hardship via the College Support Fund. This is a non-repayable, means-tested fund.

All applicants should previously have applied to their local Education Authority in the first instance.

Application forms are available from Student Services. Contact SupportFund@nwrc.ac.uk.

Further Education Grant

If you are aged over 19 years old on 1 July 2025 you can apply for a Further Education Grant from Student Finance NI.

Student should apply online at: eani.org/feqrants.

Maintenance Grant

UK students studying a HE course may apply for a non-repayable, means-tested Maintenance Grant.

You also have the option of applying for a Maintenance Loan, to assist with living costs and a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees.

To apply you will need to complete the online application available at studentfinancenl.co.uk.

NWRC College Bursary

Full-Time Higher Education students with a household income of less than £19,203* may be eligible for an college bursary of up to £500 per academic year (subject to assessment). For details contact Student Finance: studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk.

Republic of Ireland / EU Students

ROI students studying a Higher Education course can also apply for a Maintenance Grant via Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). For details visit: susi.ie.

Students in receipt of benefits, should contact their local Welfare Office for eligibility information on the Back to Education Allowance.

EU students may also apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the costs of their HE tuition fees. You can download a EU25N form online: studentfinance.co.uk.

Free School Meals

For students under 18 years of age at 31 July, you may be entitled to free school meals. Applications must be made by your parent / guardian to your local Education Authority (EA). Apply online at eani.org.

If you were entitled to free meals in your previous school you should inform the Education Authority that you will be attending the College.

Travel Pass

Free travel passes are issued by the regional Education Authority (EA) office in Omagh to students who are under 19 years of age on 1 July 2025, live more than 3 miles from their nearest college and are studying a Further Education course.

Check eligibility and apply directly through the Education Authority online at eani.org.

Childcare Assistance

You may be eligible for assistance with childcare costs, for registered child-minders only, including crèches, nurseries etc. Contact Student Services for more details.

Care to Learn Scheme

This support scheme is available to students aged between 16-20 years old, where you could receive full support for your registered childcare whilst you come to College to study. Apply at Student Services.

Tuition Fees

All full-time Further Education courses (Level 1-3) are FREE (*including tuition and exam fees). Students undertaking a university Access course will be required to pay an exam/registration fee. Fees for full-time Higher Education courses (Level 4 and above) are **£2,500 per annum** (subject to change).

International Students

Fees in this guide apply to UK residents and those with EU Settlement status. Those not in these categories must contact admissions@nwrc.ac.uk for the relevant fee.

Payment of Tuition Fees

Higher Education (HE) Courses

Students who have applied for a Tuition Fee Loan must provide a letter from the Student Loan Company (SLC) confirming that an application for a Tuition Fee Loan has been received. You will be liable for payment of the full fee if this letter is not provided.

If you have not received funding for your tuition fees from the SLC then your fee must be paid on enrolment. Direct Debit / instalment arrangements are available for students to pay their fees on a monthly basis, no more than 4 monthly payment/instalments.

Direct Debit / Instalments

These will begin on the 15th (or nearest working day) of the month following the date of enrolment.

Students who wish to avail of the Direct Debit / Instalment facility must pay an initial deposit of at least £400 on enrolment with the remaining balance being paid over a maximum of 4 instalments. Fees must be paid in full on or before **28th February 2026**.

Non-Payment of Tuition Fees

Failure to pay the required fees may result in one or more of the following:

- Withdrawal from your course
- You may be unable to sit exams for any NWRC course you are enrolled on
- You may be unable to access any College facilities or our computer network
- You may be unable to progress to the next year of your course, or enrol on an alternative NWRC course
- Your name will not be included on any pass or graduation list
- We will aim to recover all outstanding money that is owed to the College.

No
Tuition
Fees*

*All full-time FE courses (Level 1-3) are free



Key Contacts

Education Authorities

Western Region, 028 8241 1411
Northern Region, 028 2565 3333

NWRC Student Finance Advisors

Strand Road Campus, 028 7127 6010
Limavady Campus, 028 7127 8770
Strabane Campus, 028 7127 6045

Student Finance NI, 0300 100 0077

Additional Fees

- **Graduation** - If attending Graduation, students will be required to pay a £50 attendance fee.
- **Access Courses** - Students will be required to pay an examination or registration fee. For Ulster University Access students the fee will be in the region of £250. The fee for the Queen's University (QUB) Access Diploma in Health and Welfare will be £150.

Refunds

The College will make every effort to deliver programmes which are advertised. However, for any course which is cancelled, a full refund of the total fee will be issued to the student, unless other exceptional circumstances prevail (e.g. transfer of course or medical reasons).

For more information view our Fees and Charges Policy available online nwrc.ac.uk/policies.



Get in touch
studentfinance@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/finance

Better Careers Start Here

Our Careers Academy delivers a range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops tailored to meet your needs and help you reach your employment potential.

Expert careers advice and support

Throughout your time at the College we continue to provide you with free and impartial careers advice. We will work with you to outline your career goals and set you on the path to success. This includes helping you choose the right courses, conducting mock interviews, dedicated UCAS support, CV writing workshops, volunteering opportunities and tips/talks from employers.

Programmes tailored to you

Our programmes are personalised to ensure progression through activities that are appropriate to students at different stages of career learning, planning and development. The programme includes careers education sessions, career guidance activities (group work and individual), information and research activities.

High quality careers education and guidance is crucial to helping you emerge from college, university or training well-rounded and ready for the world of work.

 **Get in touch**
careers@nwrc.ac.uk

 **Find out more**
nwrc.ac.uk/careers

Award Winning Careers Support

- **OCN Provider of the Year** | OCN Learner Awards, 2021
- **Career Impact Strategy Award** | The Education Awards, 2020
- **Careers Education and Guidance Award*** | Association of Colleges 'Beacon' Awards, 2019
- **Inspiring Talent Award** | Irish News Workplace and Employment Awards, 2019
- **Matrix Quality Mark** | For Excellence in Careers Provision, Employability and Advice & Guidance



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Workshops

-  CV Writing
-  Interview Skills
-  UCAS Registration
-  Transversal / Team Working Skills Development
-  Personal Statement Writing
-  FE and HE Progression
-  Presentation Skills for Zoom / Online Interviews
-  Introduction to Mental Health Mindset
-  Healthcare Mock Interview Practice
-  Morrisby Careers Software
-  Inspire Employability Programme
-  Endeavour Employability Preparation
-  Enterprise Workshops
-  Digital Footprint Workshop
-  Resilience Workshop

94%

of students believe they have access to valuable careers advice*

Mature Learners

We welcome applications from students, regardless of what stage of the education journey they might be on. It's never too late to learn something new.

Learning has no age limit

Returning to education a little later in life can seem daunting, but at NWRC extensive support is available to build your confidence and help you feel prepared.

For many adults, the decision to return to education is life-changing, opening up new career prospects and employment opportunities. Many are returning to college after a break in their education, some are looking to retrain for a new career, while others are trying to make the most out of opportunities they may not have had when they were younger. We believe that education is for everyone, regardless of age.

Every year the number of mature students attending Higher Education Colleges and Universities continues to grow. We value the diverse experience and life skills that mature students bring to our College community.

The First Step

Our staff are experienced in offering advice to mature learners whose qualifications don't fit with our usual admission requirements. Contact our dedicated Careers or Admissions Team to discuss the flexible options we have available to you.

Admissions: admissions@nwrc.ac.uk
Careers Academy: careers@nwrc.ac.uk

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

If you don't have traditional A-Level / GCSE qualifications, we can take into account the knowledge and skills you have gained through work as a foundation for study in higher education.

This includes learning gained through:

- Life and work experiences (paid and voluntary)
- Community-based learning
- Workplace learning and training
- Continuing professional development
- Independent learning

APEL Advisor

You will be assigned an APEL Advisor who will support you through the process by introducing you to the relevant guidelines, building your confidence as a learner by identifying your strengths and skills, and advising you on how to prepare your portfolio of evidence of learning.

To schedule an appointment with an APEL Advisor in your subject area, contact our Quality Enhancement Unit: qeu@nwrc.ac.uk

I came to NWRC as a mature student, having had no formal education since my GCSEs. Now, I'm running my own virtual admin business, *AdminAnswers NI LTD*, which offers freelance admin support to companies.

NWRC was a great way to ease myself back into education in an extremely supportive environment. There's always something happening on campus to get involved in. I would totally recommend it! 🥰👏

Maria McLaughlin

Level 3 in Business Administration with ICT
Founder of AdminAnswers NI LTD

*Full-Time HE students only. Criteria applies



Information for Parents

We know just how important it is for every young person to have a smooth transition from school to college and for you to be a part of that process.

We are fully committed to ensuring every young person has access to all the specialist support they need to help them successfully achieve their qualifications at NWRC.

Personal Tutor

All full-time students are allocated a dedicated Personal Tutor, who will monitor their progress throughout their course, providing tailored support and guidance to enable them to achieve their full potential.

Our Personal Tutors offer a range of support services to our students while they study with us, including:

• Careers Support

We deliver a wide range of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops to help students plan their education around a clear career path.

• Learning Support

Our Learning Link team provides additional support, guidance and resources to students with any learning difficulty, physical disability or mental health issue.

• Student Services

The team can provide advice and guidance on a wide range of areas, including EMA, Bus Passes and Financial Support.

Progress Coaches

Our Progress Coaches will assist students throughout their time at the College. They work closely with students to monitor and help improve attendance, while also liaising with Personal Tutors to ensure students are progressing in their respective courses.

Safeguarding

Our dedicated Safeguarding Team promotes awareness of safeguarding issues and is always available to provide support to students, families and staff.

Our Safeguarding, Care and Welfare Policy is available on our website at nwrc.ac.uk/policies or on request from Student Services.

Industry Links

We have excellent links with local, national and international employers who provide students with valuable work placement opportunities, masterclasses and site visits.

Independence

We treat our students as young adults and encourage them to find their independence while they are with us. Along with their qualification, our students leave us job-ready, with a CV packed with experiences and skills for life as well as for work.

They have the confidence, positive attitude and strong work ethic to prepare them for their next step, whether that's university, employment or an apprenticeship.

Cutting-Edge Facilities

Large investments in our learning facilities have produced first-rate classrooms, workshops, studios and specialist buildings, all geared towards a practical approach to teaching and learning.

Lower Tuition Fees

Students studying Higher Education at NWRC can expect significantly lower tuition fees than university, allowing them to live close to home and reduce travel and maintenance costs. The College also offers a comprehensive package of financial options to help support students during their study.

Quality Teaching

Many of our lecturers continue to work as industry professionals and offer extensive knowledge and experience of their specialist area.

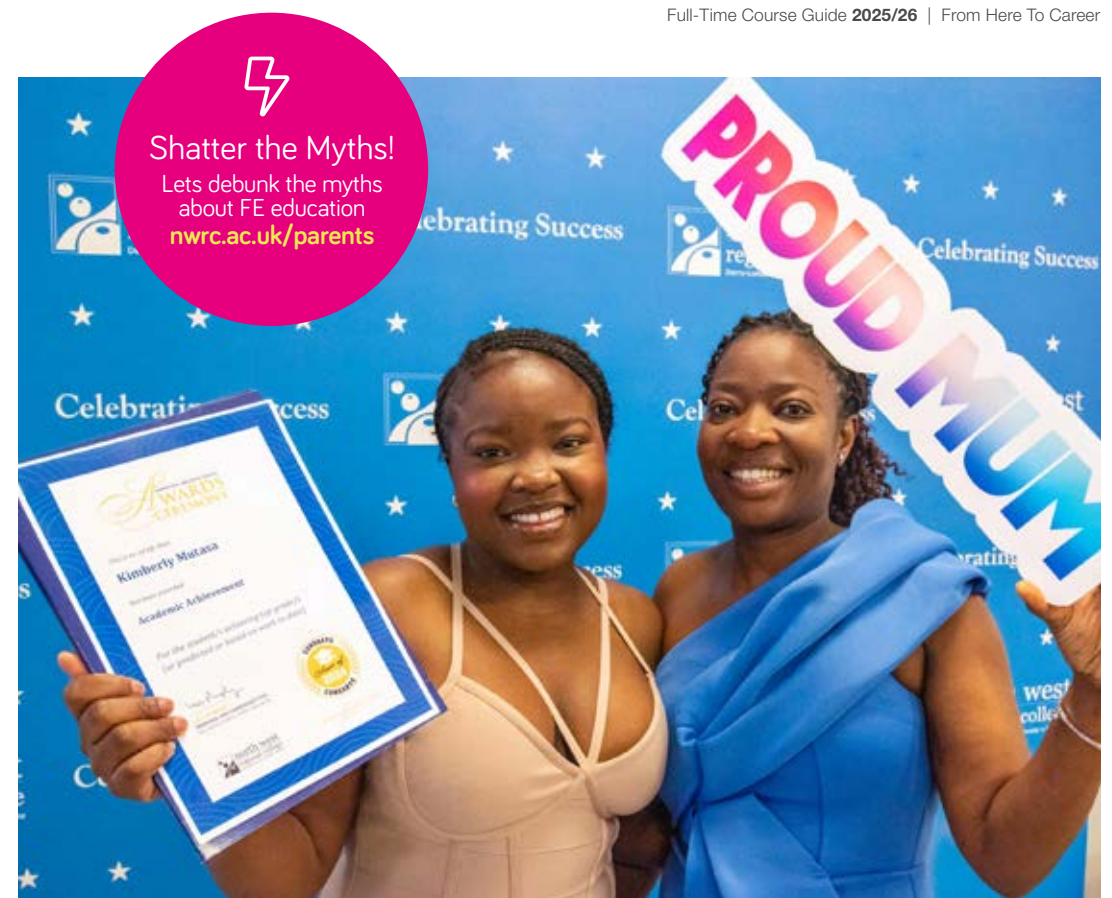
Students receive more teaching hours with NWRC than on most traditional university courses. Our classes are also much smaller which allows us to offer an exceptional level of one-to-one support they wouldn't get anywhere else.



Get in touch
info@nwrc.ac.uk



Find out more
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Improve your English, Maths and ICT skills

Gaining the essential skills and knowledge you need to operate effectively in everyday life and at work will help you progress to achieve your career goals.

At NWRC you will have the opportunity to continually improve your English, Maths and ICT skills as this learning is embedded throughout our study programmes.

Why are Essential Skills important?

English, Maths and ICT qualifications are highly valued by employers and universities. They are the most important and useful skills we all need to succeed in education, work and everyday life.

We can help you achieve your goals

If you have not achieved a Grade C at GCSE in either English and/or Maths and are concerned about barriers to your progression, don't worry, we are here to help.

You can gain qualifications in English and Maths while completing your full-time course at the College, or by additional part-time study.

What are the benefits?

- Our Essential Skills courses are **100% FREE**
- Enhance your job prospects with nationally recognised qualifications that employers will recognise
- Higher earning and learning potential
- Improve your communication skills, including reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Develop technical and numerical skills which are transferable to higher education and your career
- Boost your self-confidence and gain greater independence
- Classes take place in a relaxed atmosphere
- Experienced and friendly tutors will help you improve your reading, writing and maths quickly and easily
- Class numbers are relatively small to give you the individual attention you require



Our Essential Skills qualifications

We offer Essential Skills in Literacy, Numeracy and ICT from Entry Level 1 through to Level 2. All courses are 100% free, so it will cost you nothing to gain your Maths, English and ICT qualifications.

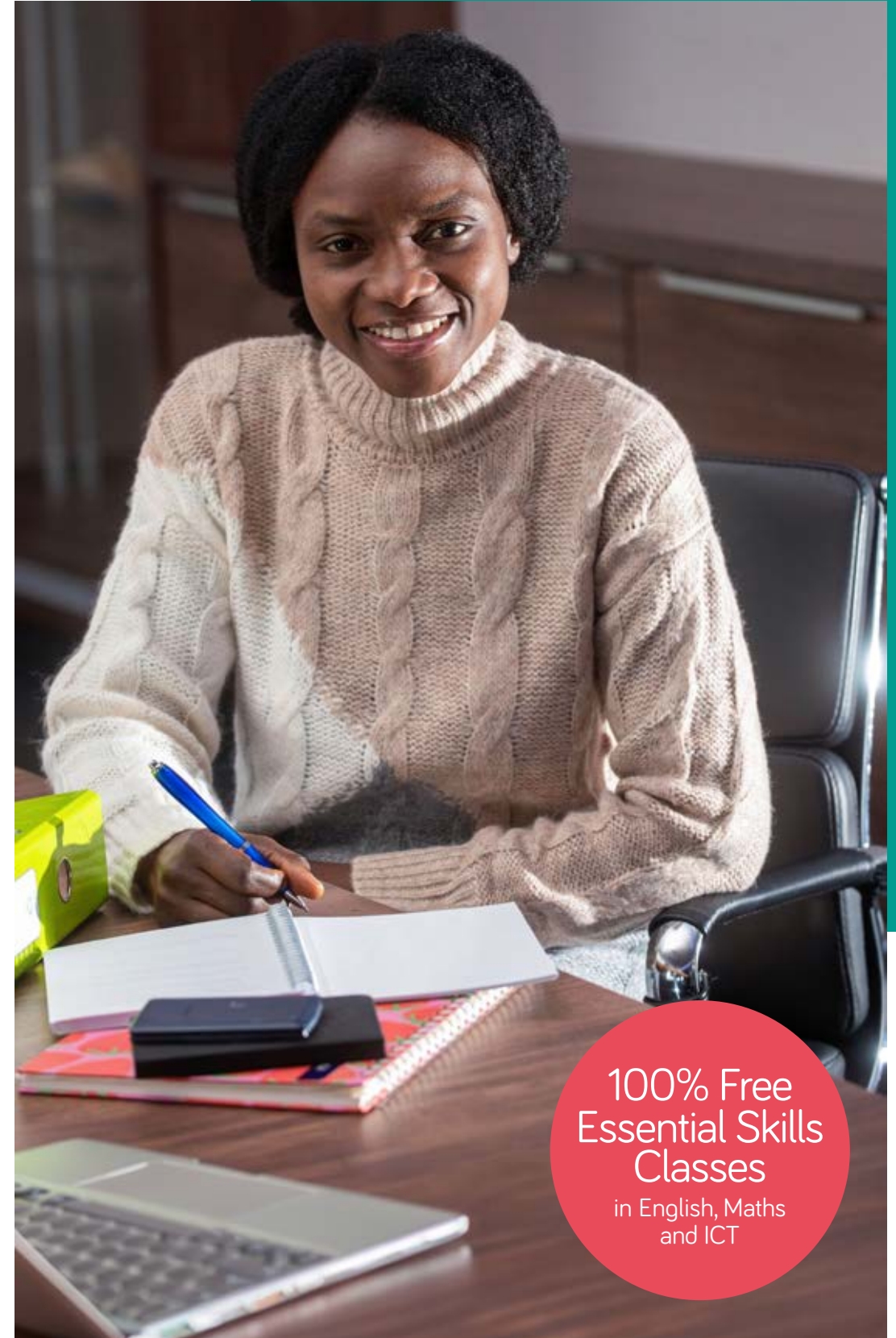
GCSE English and Maths

We also offer GCSE English and Maths programmes for those who want to develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills further.

So take the first step to improving your life and contact the College today. We look forward to meeting you.



Find out more
nwrc.ac.uk/essential-skills



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Course Symbol Key

Keep an eye out for the symbols below while you look through the course information.



Interview



Audition



Work Placement



Portfolio



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AccessNI Check



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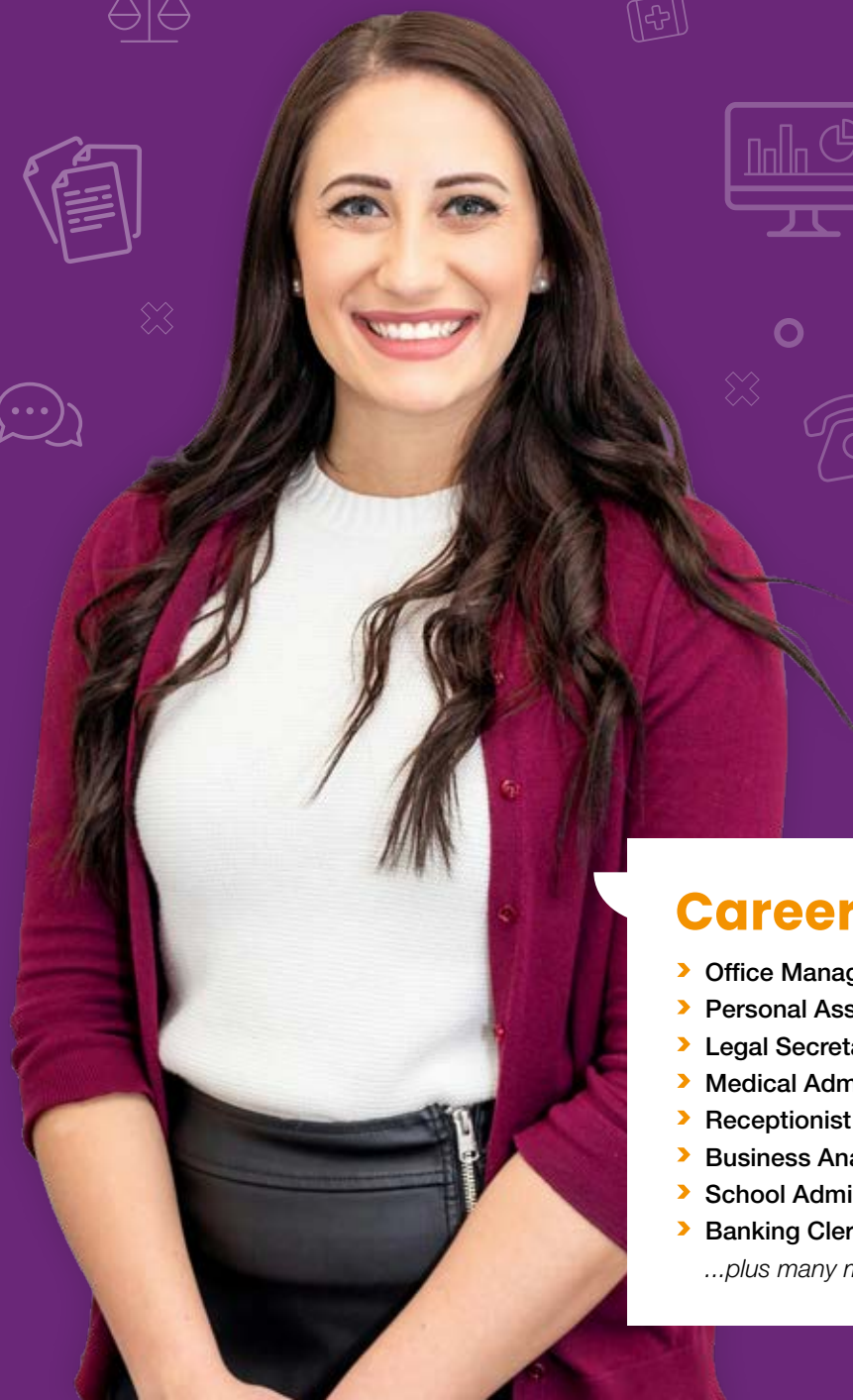
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Administration (Secretarial)



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COURSES



Career Paths

- › Office Manager
 - › Personal Assistant
 - › Legal Secretary
 - › Medical Administrator
 - › Receptionist
 - › Business Analyst
 - › School Administrator
 - › Banking Clerk
- ...plus many more!*



Hi I'm **Jack Duddy** and I'm 16 🧑🎓
I studied at Oakgrove College before coming to NWRC to study the **Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration** course with a specialism in Medical Administration.



FUN FACT: Jack is a keen reader and gamer 🎮📖

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What appealed to you most about your course?

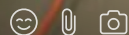
This course appealed to me because I would like a job in the medical field, and I know there are employment opportunities locally in medical administration.

The course is full-time and as part of it I was able to complete work experience in a medical workplace. This was a brilliant opportunity for me to prepare for the world of work!

Any plans for the future?

In the future I hope to use this course as a stepping stone into studying pharmaceuticals.

Join the conversation at nwrc.ac.uk



**MEET
JACK**



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Business Administration Skills (Legal Secretary Pathway)

Course Code
603/7909/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact
Anne Marie Scullion
028 7127 6104
annemarie.scullion@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This Diploma is for students who wish to pursue a career in the legal sector, and/or business administration.

This program develops student skills to enhance their employability opportunities through practical work, coursework, assignments and work placement. Successful students can progress into a range of career opportunities within the area of Administration in a legal environment or progress onto a Level 3 course to further their studies.

A period of work placement will take place in the second semester to give you a practical introduction to the industry, learn new skills and let you "display" your knowledge. In addition, workshops will be offered by the College throughout the year to help you in your preparation for seeking employment.

Core Modules

- Teamwork in Administration
- Understanding the Role of an Administrator
- Career Planning in Administration
- Welcoming and Receiving Visitors to the Workplace
- Legal Audio Processing
- Using Databases in a Legal Environment
- Using Spreadsheets in a Legal Environment
- Proofreading Legal and Business Documents
- Working in a Legal Environment
- Word Processing Software
- Operate a range of Office Equipment
- Develop your Employability - Transversal Skills

Optional Modules

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths at Grade E and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths at Grade O6 and English O5 or above.

If you don't meet enhanced Maths / English grade you may be eligible for the introductory phase of Traineeship.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio of evidence, practical demonstration, assignment, coursework

Work Placement

You will complete a period of work placement where you will gather a range of evidence in order to achieve the full qualification.

Further Study

This course can progress you directly into employment or onto a Level 3 programme at our College.

Your Future Career

Former students have gained employment as:

Legal Personal Assistants; Legal Secretaries; General Administrators (eg secretary in a school, architect's office); Clerical Officer in the Legal Department of a bank; Civil Service.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Business Administration Skills (Medical Administration Pathway)

Course Code
603/7909/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact
Anne Marie Scullion
028 7127 6104
annemarie.scullion@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

If you are looking for employment, this course will provide you with the tools to provide effective administrative support within any healthcare setting. With this Diploma you can start your career as a medical receptionist, administrator or secretary, helping patients and providing vital support for doctors and other healthcare professionals.

This course is designed for those wishing to work as administrators in any section of the health services, including general medicine and dental practices, hospitals (including wards and medical records clerks) and opticians.

Core Modules

- Medical Terminology
- Working in the NHS
- Administration Skills in a Medical Environment
- Medical Principles
- Operate a range of Office Equipment
- Develop your employability - Transversal Skills
- Medical Audio-transcription
- Word Processing
- Understanding the Role of an Administrator
- Teamwork in Administration
- Career Planning in Administration

Optional Modules

A number of optional units are addressed on this course. If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade E and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths Grade O6 and English O5 or above.

If you don't meet the enhanced Maths and English grade you may be eligible for the introductory phase of Traineeship.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio of evidence, practical demonstration, assignment, coursework.

Work Placement

You will complete a period of work placement in a GP surgery, hospital or other medical environment where you will gather a range of evidence in order to achieve the full qualification.

Further Study

This course can progress you directly into employment or onto a level 3 in Business Administration or other Level 3 course.

Your Future Career

With this qualification you can start your career as a medical administrator or secretary, helping patients and providing vital support for doctors and other healthcare professionals.

Future employment positions could also include general administrators, clerical officers etc. Previous students have gained employment as medical receptionists / secretaries.





OCN Level 3 Certificate / Diploma

Business Administration Skills with ICT

Course Code

610/1473/4

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees

Other: £50+

For additional qualifications.

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact

Anne Marie Scullion

028 7127 6104

annmarie.scullion@nwr.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office

(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This OCN NI qualification enables learners to develop their knowledge and understanding in the areas of business administration including the use of information technology, supervisory skills and project management. Learners can progress to other Level 3 vocational qualifications, advance to the OCN Level 4 Administration (subject to validation) or directly into employment within the business administration and related sectors. The skills learnt on this course are also transferable across other jobs in many different industries.

Core Modules

- Producing Complex Documents
- Word Processing Software
- Financial Transactions
- Support Business Meetings
- Apply Legislation
- Using Office Equipment
- IT Software
- Teamwork
- Improve Presentation Skills
- Support Recruitment and Selection
- Verbal and Face to Face Communications

Optional Modules

- OCN NI Computerised Accounting Software

We also offer the opportunity for students to undertake Level 1 and/or Level 2 in Manual and Computerised Accounts (a small examination fee is payable for these).

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy you will complete this during the course to enhance your employability and progression prospects.

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Administration (Business Professional) or equivalent and GCSE English (Grade C or above) or equivalent; OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English.

ROI: Level 2 Administration (Business Professional) or equivalent and OLC English (Grade O5 or above); or equivalent; OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

APEL - Mature students, with industrial experience and good level of ICT / English will be considered at information meeting (see page 36).

Assessment

100% Coursework. All coursework requires completion by awarding body.

Work Placement

You will be encouraged to attend placement in an administrative office in an area of your choice where you will gain valuable insights into the world of work. These hours would be additional and outside your timetabled course hours.

Further Study

This qualification will enable you to further your studies and progress onto the Level 4 Higher Diploma in Business Administration Skills (subject to validation), or move into employment.

Your Future Career

Successful completion will equip you with the skills and knowledge to apply directly for employment as executive and private administrators in business, civil service, hospitals, health centres, schools, hotels, etc.



Adult Learning (Access)



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ADULT LEARNING
COURSES



Career Paths

- Social Worker
- Lawyer
- Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Counsellor
- Radiographer
- IT Technician
- Psychologist

...plus many more!



Hi there! My name is **Rosie Boyle** and I'm thrilled to have recently celebrated my graduation after successfully completing the **Access Diploma in Combined Studies** at the College 🎓🌟



FUN FACT: Rosie is an animal lover and has rehomed dozens of animals over the years 🐾

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What inspired you to pursue Adult Learning?

I wanted to improve my job prospects and go on to higher education. I never got the chance to push myself at school. I didn't do the 11+ (transfer test) and when I went to secondary school I was put into the lower class. I left school with no qualifications and went into a YTP (Youth Training Programme) scheme.

Returning to education changed my life and I surprised myself with how well I did. I also passed my Maths and English while completing my Access course.

I am so proud of myself for getting this far! I'm now back at NWRC doing a **Foundation Degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management** 🙌

Join the conversation at nwrc.ac.uk



MEET ROSIE



QUB Level 3 University Access Diploma Health and Welfare

Course Code

P10025

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees

Books: Variable depending on student choice. Most resources are available within college.

Awarding Body

Queens University Belfast (QUB)

Course Contact

Derry~Londonderry

Theresa McLoone

028 7127 6364

theresa.mcloone@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This course is of interest to those wishing to learn about health and social care, providing adult learners with an opportunity to gain a qualification which can be used as a progression pathway to higher education. It can help you progress to professional courses such as nursing, midwifery, social work, youth/community work, occupational therapy and other degree courses in the social science/ health studies field. You will attend classes over 3.5 days per week with additional time to undertake independent reading and study.

Core Modules

- Health and Welfare
- Research
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Study Skills including ICT
- Introduction to Psychology
- Microbiology for Health and Care
- NICATS Mathematics (for students who do not yet have appropriate grade and Certificate in GCSE / Leaving Cert)

Optional Modules

Students can choose either Psychology or Microbiology (depending on enrolment numbers for psychology).

Entry Requirements

UK: A pass in GCSE English Language Grade C/4 or GCSE Mathematics Grade C/4 or acceptable equivalent.

Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy. Applicants without GCSE English Language Grade C/4 and

GCSE Mathematics Grade C/4 or acceptable equivalent should study Essential Skills Level 2, Communication and Application of Number/GCSE English Language and Mathematics independently in addition to the course (depending on University requirements).

ROI: Applicants must have Irish Leaving Certificate, Ordinary Level, English or Mathematics Grade O4 as equivalent to GCSE Grade C/4.

Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy. Applicants without Irish Leaving Certificate, Ordinary Level English and Mathematics or acceptable equivalent should study Essential Skills Level 2, Communication and Application of Number/ GCSE English Language and Mathematics independently in addition to the course (depending on University requirements).

Applicants who have already achieved Essential Skills Communication and Essential Skills Application of Number at Level 2 (or acceptable equivalent) should check at the beginning of the Access Diploma with the Admissions Office of their chosen University to ensure these qualifications fulfil the entrance requirements. Not all universities will accept Essential Skills qualifications as acceptable entrance criteria.

Applications from students who have been away from full-time education for a sustained period of time (two consecutive academic years minimum) prior to commencing the Access Diploma will be considered.

An interview is also required.

International applicants - If English is not your first language you must also satisfy the College requirements for IELTS scores or acceptable equivalent.

Assessment

56% Coursework, 44% Exam.

Study Skills Module and IT are assessed by continuous assessment with portfolio. All other modules have a mix of examination (essay style, multiple choice questions and short answer questions) and coursework assessment ranging from 30%-70% examination per module.

Coursework includes essay, reports, presentations and portfolio style assessment.

Further Study

Applicants may apply to study Foundation Degree / HNC or other Degree level qualifications. It can also help you progress to professional education courses such as nursing, midwifery, social work, youth / community work, occupational therapy and other degree courses in the social science/health studies field.

Your Future Career

- Nursing (all branches) starting at Band 5, £25,655 to £31,534.
- Midwifery starting at £25,655 depending on allocated pay band and experience.
- Social Work starting at £25,655 depending on allocated pay band and experience.

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96%

of students said
the support they received
helped them progress
in their course*

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Ulster University Level 3 Access Diploma Combined Studies*

Course Code
P1002

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:

Books:
Recommended reading suggested for each unit if students wish to individually purchase.

Other:
Awarding Body registration fee payable at start of each academic year (This may be included in course fee – please check at time of enrolment).

Awarding Body
Ulster University

Course Contact
Alisa Hemphill
028 7127 6315
Alisa.Hemphill@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

Designed for adults, the course will provide the opportunity to achieve an equivalence of 3 A-Levels so you can progress to higher level courses in further education or to university.

You will have to commit to a high degree of independent study and reading, studying up to seven subjects, three are compulsory (if you don't hold a GCSE Grade C in Maths) and four are chosen by you from a range of available options.

Students should preferably have a GCSE English Grade C or equivalent, and will be asked to demonstrate a level of literacy and numeracy.

Students without GCSE English or equivalent may be expected to undertake an Essential Skills Level 2 Literacy qualification in conjunction with their Access course.

Core Modules

- History
- Study and Digital Skills
- Communications
- Mathematics
- Sociology
- Business and Enterprise
- English Literature

Entry Requirements

Students are required to provide evidence of a basic competence in English / Maths, and be over 19 years of age on 1 July in year of entry and have been away from full-time education for two years. Information session required.

Further Study

For the purpose of admission to HE study, as part of the full award of Access Diploma, a 20 credit Level 2 Mathematics module, which is passed at 40%, will be recognised by both Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast as fulfilling requirements for passing GCSE Mathematics at Grade C/4.

Both the above Universities in Northern Ireland also accept the full Access award as providing evidence of competence in English Language, meeting the general entrance requirement for GCSE English.

Completing this course will enable you to apply for higher education courses with us at NWRC or at University, in a range of subject areas. This qualification also provides opportunities for progression to a Higher Level Apprenticeship – a number of which are available for application through NWRC.

Your Future Career

Career pathways include:

- Nursing
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Law
- Journalism
- Business
- Accountancy
- IT
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Counselling.



Ulster University Access Diploma Science

Course Code
P10009

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (Full-Time)
2 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

Course Contact
Dr Amanda Maginty
028 7127 6412
amanda.maginty@nwrc.ac.uk

Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

Designed for committed adult learners without formal qualifications, this course provides the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification which can be used to progress to university degree study, secure employment or change/ improve career opportunities.

The science programme will be student-centred and encourage self-confidence and development through a structured programme consisting of core modules including Core Scientific & Laboratory Skills, Introductory Mathematics for Science and Fundamentals of Science leading on to optional modules which include Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Maths for Science Calculations.

You will be required to provide evidence of a basic competence in written and oral communication in English and Numeracy skills, as well as demonstrating your motivation for and an ability to cope with the academic demands of the course.

Core Modules

- Introductory Mathematics for Science
- Core Scientific and Laboratory Skills
- Fundamentals of Science

Optional Modules

- Maths for Science Calculations
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Entry Requirements

Students will be required to provide evidence of a basic competence in English and Mathematics and must be a minimum of 19 years of age on 1 July in year of entry and have been away from full-time education for at least two years.

Assessment

75% Coursework, 25% Exam. Students will be assessed using a variety of methods including written coursework, practical observations, experiment scientific reports, class tests, presentations and exams. Core modules are assessed by 100% coursework. Students will complete 3 out of 4 optional modules, assessed by 50% coursework and 50% exam.

Further Study

This course will provide you with the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification which can be used to progress to university degree study, secure employment, or change / improve career opportunities.

Your Future Career

Progression include:

- Chemical Engineering
- Biomedical Science
- Radiography (Diagnostic / Therapeutic)
- Environmental Health
- Biochemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physiotherapy
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Nursing
- Dietetics
- Podiatry



*Subject to validation

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

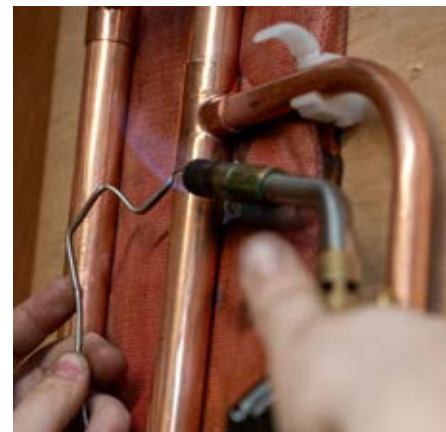


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& TRAINEESHIPS



Career Paths

- › Mechanic
 - › Electrician
 - › Plumber
 - › Dental Nurse
 - › Film Maker
 - › Welder
 - › Bricklayer
 - › Wall and Floor Tiler
- ...plus many more!*



Hi there! My name is **Rebecca Gavigan** and I'm currently studying a **Traineeship in Floor and Wall Tiling** at Greystone campus.

I have received great support from my lecturers, and was also awarded a scholarship from The Honourable the Irish Society.



FUN FACT: Rebecca achieved a First Class Honours degree in Fine Art in 2016 from Northumbria University, before she enrolled on the Tiling course at NWRC 🏆

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Transitioning from Fine Art to Tiling is a significant career shift. How have you found the experience so far?

I'm the only female in the class but I didn't let this stop me from pursuing something out of my comfort zone. Tiling is a very creative trade so I curbed my hesitations by leaning on my background in Fine Art and this has helped me see things in a way others may not.

There's no reason that women can't train in skills that are traditionally male dominated. Although it's a physically demanding job, I love the challenge!

One of the highlights of my year has been winning Gold in the NI Wall & Flooring Tiling category, and taking part in the SkillBuild national finals in Milton Keynes! 🏆🏆

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Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training so employees can learn while they earn and achieve nationally recognised qualifications.

With the recent introduction of *All Age Apprenticeships* our apprenticeship programmes are now fully-funded for anyone 16+, with no upper age limit. Apprenticeships combine work, study and 'off-the-job' training at College.

Usually, you will be with the employer four days a week and at NWRC one day a week. As an Apprentice you must balance your job and study across a maximum four-year period: two years at Level 2 and two years at Level 3. Those with good GCSE grades and an aptitude for their trade and learning can complete in a shorter time-frame.

To find out more, visit: nirect.gov.uk/campaigns/apprenticeships

Who can apply?

To take part in an Apprenticeship you need to:

- Have reached the minimum school leaving age in Northern Ireland (16 years)
- Be employed or be about to take up paid employment in Northern Ireland
- Be working a minimum of 21 hours per week on a permanent contract
- Meet all the entry requirements of your chosen apprenticeship (for example some apprenticeships will require you to have GCSEs)

What are the benefits?

Earn While You Learn

All Apprenticeships are real jobs so you will earn a real salary. Apprentices will earn at least the national minimum wage with many employers paying more.

Large Range of Career Paths to Choose From

Our Apprenticeship programme offers training across a wide range of professional and technical areas.

Continue Your Education

Our Apprenticeship courses offer a range of exciting skills and learning opportunities which link to vocational, industrially relevant qualifications which lead directly to career success. They can lead onto higher level study, which can open up more career opportunities.

Occupational areas include:

- Brickwork
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Civil Engineering
- Dental Nursing
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding
- Health and Social Care
- Housing Practice
- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Painting and Decorating
- Professional Cookery
- Plumbing
- Wall and Floor Tiling

Skills Employers Want

You will work alongside experienced professional staff, receive high quality professional and technical training and work towards achieving an accredited industry-recognised qualification.

Get Help to Find an Employer

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the industry. However, if you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers can support you with finding an employer.

Enrichment Activities and Competitions

We offer exciting enrichment activities and personal development workshops for you to get involved in to help develop your confidence, communication and team-working skills. You will also have the opportunity to compete in regional and UK Competitions with the aim of progressing to World Skills.

Entry Requirements

The applicant needs to be in relevant employment and have the minimum entry requirements*.

***Employers have discretion on the entry criteria for Level 2 Apprenticeship NI programmes which allows students to work towards required Essential Skills or GCSE in English and Maths to achieve Level 2 / Grade C. However this requires students to attend college for additional days which employers must agree to before starting programme.**

Take a tour

Visit our Springtown, Greystone and Strabane campuses to explore our modern, industry standard facilities and discover what life at NWRC is really like.

You will also have the opportunity to speak with our expert Lecturing Staff, Employment Liaison Officers and employers who are looking for new apprentices across a wide range of industrial areas.

Check out our website nwrc.ac.uk/our-campus to book a tour tailored to you.

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Apprenticeships

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NI Traineeships

The NI Traineeship programme provides a high-quality vocational education and training programme at Level 2 and is aimed at school leavers who aspire to work within a specific sector.

The Traineeship is available to all participants, providing the skills and qualifications necessary to secure employment in their chosen occupation including transition to a Level 2 apprenticeship during the programme where relevant.

The Traineeship also provides progression to a Level 3 Apprenticeship or alternatively to Further Education at Level 3. To find out more visit: nidirect.gov.uk/articles/traineeships-explained

A Traineeship programme comprises the following key elements:

- A main professional and technical qualification in the chosen occupational area;
- Skills development;
- Transversal skills;
- Work placement;
- Literacy and numeracy qualifications at Level 2 (may include GCSE qualifications in English and Mathematics);
- Additional qualifications deemed necessary for work within a sector, e.g. Health and Safety, CSR, manual handling

Traineeships are available in the following areas:

- Business Administration
- Brickwork
- Childcare
- Creative Media
- Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)
- Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Catering
- Information Technology
- Motor Vehicle Repair
- Music
- Plumbing
- Sport
- Wall and Floor Tiling
- Woodwork

Traineeship Diploma

On successful completion of a NI Traineeship, participants will receive a full Traineeship Diploma equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A*-C (including English and Mathematics qualifications at Level 2).

Duration

The majority of Traineeships will typically take up to two years to complete on a full-time basis. Some take one year to complete including: IT, Health and Social Care, Childcar, Hairdressing and Travel & Tourism.

Participants who achieve qualifications during the first year may progress to an apprenticeship or further education earlier.

Entry Requirements

Applicants will be required to hold a minimum of a Level 1 qualification defined as 4 GCSEs at grades D-G including Maths and English grades D-F or equivalent. Enhanced entry grades apply in certain areas.

Progression

Achievement of the Full Traineeship Diploma

Those that complete the qualifications equivalent to five GCSEs at Grade C passes including English (or Communications Level 2) and Maths (or Application of Number Level 2) will receive an overarching NI Traineeship Diploma issued by the Department for the Economy.

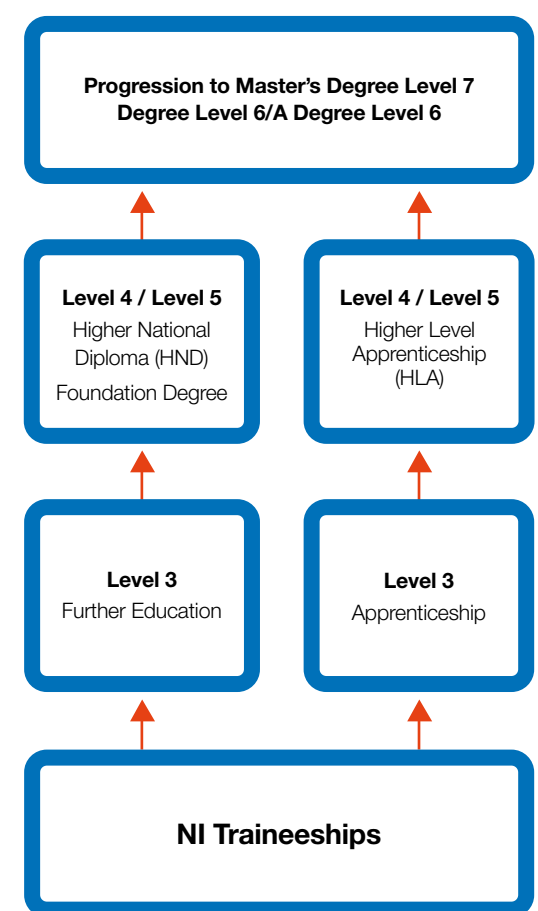
Partial Achievement

Trainees who do not achieve all of the components will be recognised for partial achievement. This may mean that the trainee passes the professional and technical qualification but does not achieve level 2 communication or level 2 numeracy. Trainees who have partial achievement may be able to progress to FE Level 3.

Progression

On completion of the Traineeship, you can progress within NWRC to a Level 3 further education course or a Level 3 apprenticeship (possibly with your work placement employer). This can lead you to higher education options.

If you become employed during your Traineeship you can progress to a Level 2 Apprenticeship.





100%

of students agreed Work Placement was valuable in helping their learning*

Trainee Support

Education Maintenance Allowance

Traineeship participants may be entitled to an Education Maintenance Allowance. EMA pays £30 per week and is available to 16-19 year old (means-tested) attending the traineeship.

Attendance is monitored and payment is dependent on full weekly attendance in all subject areas including placement. Bonuses are also payable on the achievement of qualifications.

EMA Application forms are available online.

Further Education Grant

Trainees can apply for an FE Grant which is means tested and non-repayable

The deadline to be guaranteed support is 28th June although applications are open until the 30th September.

Hardship Fund

If you are age 18 or over on 1 July 2025 and suffering from financial hardship you may be eligible for financial assistance through the College's Hardship Fund.

Online Learning

If you are required to engage with on-line learning NWRC will facilitate this by lending the IT equipment which you require.

Equipment

Trainees will receive free health and safety equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)

Travel/Bus Pass

Trainees will be eligible to apply for a bus pass. Bus passes are issued through the Education Authority (EA).

To receive a bus pass, a trainee must:

- Be under 19 on 1st July before the start of the academic year
- Be studying a further education course only
- Live at least 3 miles from their nearest college

Trainees will also be reimbursed for their travel costs to work placement.

Free School Meals

Trainees under 18 years of age at 31st July before the start of the academic year, may be entitled to free school meals. Applications must be made by your parent or guardian to the Education Authority.

School meal tickets will be available from reception and should be collected on a weekly basis.

Pastoral Care

Trainees will receive a high level of pastoral care from college staff with appropriate support mechanisms in place.



Find out more
studentservices@nwrc.ac.uk



We also provide Apprenticeships & Traineeships in the following areas:



- Business Administration Skills (Legal Secretary)
- Business Administration Skills (Medical Administration)
- Dental Nursing
- Health and Social Care
- Information Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Barbering
- Housing Practice
- Professional Cookery
- Professional Chef
- Creative Media Skills
- Music Practitioners (Technology)
- Sport



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- Accountancy
- Business and Enterprise
- Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Computing
- Construction with Renewables
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- General Engineering
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management
- Mechanical Engineering

Please refer to our website for more information:
nwrc.ac.uk/courses

- Achieve a professional level qualification without the tuition fees
- Earn a competitive salary
- Gain increased opportunities for career progression
- A clear pathway to achieving ambitions in the workplace

Higher Level Apprenticeships are fully funded by the Department for Economy (DfE). There are no course related costs to the apprentice or employer.



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EAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Electro-Technical Services



Course Code

601/7345/2
600/0665/1

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)
Strabane

Length of Study

4 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

EAL

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Progression



Course Overview

This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to become a fully qualified electrician on completion of your NVQ Portfolio and AM2 Assessment.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills. To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, a love of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Core Modules

- Level 3 Electro-Technical Diploma
- Health & Safety and Environmental Technologies
- Electrical Principles
- Installation Practices and Procedures
- Preparation, Planning and Overseeing Electrical Installation
- Inspection, Testing, Commissioning, and Certification of Electrical installation
- Fault Diagnosis and Rectification
- Understanding the requirements of 18th Edition regulations

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to an additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC will be available prior to September 2025.

Assessment

30% Coursework, 70% Exam. This course will be assessed mainly through online examination and also practical assessments.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed with an electrical company. We have a variety of Apprenticeship models to comply with Apprenticeship NI guidelines which also support Industry.

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into employment or continue to study at Level 4 / 5 and Degree in Electrical Engineering, Design Engineers.

Your Future Career

Electricians work within both large and small business and many electricians are self-employed and own their own business.

Some Electricians progress to site or project management, consultancy work or training. Salary scales are dependent on where you work £18,000 to £42,000.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

610/2947/6

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). College will cover cost.

Course Contact

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

As a welder you will work with metals and alloys, and cut and join composite materials, such as plastics, using specialist welding methods. Progressing to Level 3, you will need an understanding of safe working practices.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined;
- Following engineering instructions and drawings;
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments;
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines.

You will usually work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders need to be able to interpret drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Welders join sections, pipe & plate and fabricate large and small pressure vessels. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses.

Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above;

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. You will be assessed through a range of online examinations and also a range of practical assessments.

Work Placement

Work placement which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study

On successful completion of the Level 2 Traineeship it is possible to progress onto full-time employment on the Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career

Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of industries.

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £35,000+

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.



OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

610/2947/6

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

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Progression



Course Overview

A welder will work with metals and alloys, cut and join composite materials, such as plastics, using specialist methods. Progressing to Level 3, you will need an understanding of safe working practices.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined;
- Following engineering instructions and drawings;
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments;
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines.

You will work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders interpret drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Participation may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses. Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at a World Skills event.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills classes which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to attending an additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC will be available prior to September 2025.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

You will be assessed on your knowledge through a range of online examinations and through competency based practical assessments.

Work Placement

Employment is an integral part of your qualification. You will attend NWRC one day per week or as agreed with NWRC and employer

Employed
Route only*

*See Entry Requirements
below for details

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into full time employment or continue to a Level 3 qualification.

Other options for progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, and a Degree in Engineering.

Your Future Career

Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of manufacturing industries.

There is currently a huge demand for good welders.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £35,000+

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.





ETCAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)

Course Code

600/0882/9
601/1853/2

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

Engineering Training Council
Awards Limited (ETCAL)

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Progression



Course Overview

As a welder you will work with metals and alloys, and cut and join composite materials, such as plastics, using specialist welding methods. You'll need an understanding of safe working practices.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Setting out the materials to be cut or joined
- Following engineering instructions and drawings
- Inspecting and testing cuts and joins, using precision measuring instruments
- Operating the semi-automatic spot-welding equipment used in high volume production lines

You will usually work in the construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas industries. Welders need to be able to interpret complicated drawings and translate these into accurate structures and products.

Welders join sections, pipe & plate and fabricate large and small pressure vessels. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities or lead to progression on higher level courses.

Enrichment activities include competing in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country.

Core Modules

- Level 3 Diploma in Fabrication and Welding
- Level 3 NVQ in Fabrication and Welding Performance Operations (PEO)

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above; plus Level 2 vocational qualification in Fabrication and Welding.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O4 or above; plus and Level 2 vocational qualification in Fabrication and Welding.

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

You will be assessed through a range of online knowledge examinations and also a range of practical based assessments. The NVQ also requires the student to submit appropriate site assessment material.

Work Placement

Employment is an integral part of your qualification. You will attend NWRC one day per week or as agreed with NWRC and employer.



Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into full time employment or continue to a Level 4 qualification.

Other options for progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, and a Degree in Engineering.

Your Future Career

There is currently a huge demand for good welders. Welders can work in shipyards, power stations and off-shore structures and in a diverse range of manufacturing industries.

All of our lecturers in Welding and Fabrication completed their Level 3 apprenticeship and joined the teaching team after experience in industry.

Salary estimates:

- Starter - £16,000 to £19,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £35,000





OCN NI Level 1 Extended Certificate General Building Maintenance

Course Code
603/5201/2

Campus
Springtown

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees

Uniform: PPE will be provided by the College to carryout workshop activities

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI (OCN NI) and Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)

Course Contact

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

This qualification is aimed at learners aged 16 and above. This qualification been designed to provide an introduction to the skills required to perform general building maintenance and introduce students to a range of vocational areas within construction.

On achievement of this qualification learners can progress to the OCN NI Level 2 suite of Construction qualifications should they meet the relevant entry criteria.

As part of the programme students will undertake Transversal / Employability skills and offered essential skills in Maths, English and ICT. The programme will also have additional support available based on learner needs to support successful completion of programme.

Core Modules

- Introduction to Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction

Optional Modules

- Environmental Awareness and Sustainability in Construction
- Painting Interior Ceilings and Walls
- Developing Skills for Wallpapering
- Manual Handling, Lifting and Movement of Loads
- Bricklaying Constructing a One Brick Wide Wall
- Bricklaying Constructing Cavity Walls
- Tools and Equipment for Bricklaying
- Constructing a Half Brick Wall
- Woodworking and Carpentry Tools
- Developing Carpentry Hand Skills

Entry Requirements

No formal entry requirements. Applicants must have the potential to achieve full qualification.

Assessment

60% Coursework, 40% Exam. Practical assessment in workshop environment along with online and written knowledge assessments.

Work Placement

Work placement is optional component of this course, and is encouraged for those wishing to pursue a career in this field.

Further Study

Excellent progression routes from this Level 1 course on to Level 2 Traineeships; to employment via the Level 2 Apprenticeship programme; completing trade at Level 3, should relevant entry be achieved.

Your Future Career

Across the North West and wider area many companies specialise in construction maintenance and completion of this qualification may provide an avenue to Full-Time employment with the businesses.

Painters have excellent opportunities to become self-employed and start their own businesses. Once Level 3 Apprenticeship has been completed painters can progress to Higher Education courses to further develop their careers in the construction industry with job opportunities as site manager, project managers, Health & Safety officers and teaching.



OCN / CIH Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Housing Practice



Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI (OCN NI) and Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)

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Non-term time

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Progression



Course Overview

This course is aimed at those who are already employed in the housing sector (a provider or association), as a housing officer or administrator and who wish to develop their knowledge and skills to enable progression within their chosen area of work or in a specialist area.

The qualification focuses on the technical skills and knowledge required of a professional housing officer. Course content includes understanding the housing sector, professional practice skills, customer service, managing leasehold housing properties and managing empty properties which underpin high quality housing practice care, and the role of the Housing Officer in meeting service users' needs.

Students will complete the Level 3 Certificate in Housing and the Level 3 Certificate in Housing Practice with OCN and CIH.

Core Modules

- Understanding the Housing Sector
- Professional Practice Skills
- Customer Service

Entry Requirements

The Housing Practice Apprenticeship NI Level 3 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland based company.

You must be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week with one employer.

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy or ICT (or equivalent) this will be a mandatory element of the course.

Interview with course team required to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessment will consist of written assignments, presentations and observation.

Work Placement

Must currently be employed in a Housing Provider or Housing Association. Minimum requirement of work placement is 21 hours.

Further Study

This course will lead to Level 4 and Level 5 Foundation Degree or Diploma in Housing Practice and Housing Management.

Your Future Career

This course will provide the learner with fundamental knowledge and understanding of the Housing sector and can lead to management roles within the housing sector.



ETCAL Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Mechanical Engineering



Course Code

603/5276/0 (ETCAL)
600/0881/7 (City & Guilds)

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: £20-40, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

Engineering Training Council Awards Limited (ETCAL)

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Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

The Apprenticeship NI scheme offers the trainee an opportunity to train in their chosen trade and the employer the chance to develop a highly motivated and committed workforce.

This is a two year programme in engineering where candidates undergo broad based training in precision machining lathe turning, milling, detail fitting, welding and basic electrical wiring and testing.

Our training facilities enhance practical learning. In addition candidates will be enrolled on a City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in an Engineering Technical Certificate. On completion of the Level 2 framework the candidate can progress to Level 3.

The programme provides a progression route to higher level qualifications to meet company / candidates requirements. NWRC supports apprentices to compete in regional, national and WorldSkills competitions which are designed to equip apprentices and students with world-class skills needed to help UK businesses compete globally.

Participation in competition enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students without Maths, English and ICT Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills allowing for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- ETCAL Level 2 NVQ Diploma in PEO
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Engineering

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry requirements.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2025.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. This course is assessed through a range of online examinations and practical assessments.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Manufacturing Industry. If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers will support you. Our Open Days are also a great opportunity to meet employers.

Further Study

Direct entry to Level 3. Successful candidates who achieve at Level 3 can progress into employment or continue to study at Level 4 / Level 5 and Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Your Future Career

This apprenticeship is suitable for those who are currently working within this sector or are looking to gain employment within this sector as a Mechanical or Maintenance Engineer. The UK industry is buoyant at this time and job prospects are positive.

Your lecturers have come through the Apprenticeship and in some cases the Degree in Mechanical Engineering

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £24,000
- Highly Experienced - £25,000 to £50,000





ETCAL Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Mechanical Engineering



Course Code

600/2253/X (ETCAL)
601/7580/1 (BTEC)

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: £20-£40, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body

ETCAL

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Employer Liaison Officer

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Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

A precision engineer works to provide top quality assembled and/or machined parts to many facets of the manufacturing industry, and work in many different materials including stainless steel, aluminium, titanium, steel, lead and more. Our students work in local industries and are highly sought after.

The Apprenticeship NI scheme offers the trainee an opportunity to train in their chosen trade and the employer the chance to develop a highly motivated and committed workforce.

The Level 3 is a two year programme in mechanical engineering in which candidates will undergo broad based training in precision machining lathe turning, milling, detail fitting, welding and basic electrical wiring and testing. In addition candidates will be enrolled on a BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering.

Core Modules

- ETCAL Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Manufacturing
- ETCAL Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Engineering Maintenance
- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Engineering (2850-34)

Optional Modules

Units relevant to Industry requirements.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English & ICT at Grade C or above; and Level 2 vocational qualification in Mechanical Engineering.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths & ICT at Grade O4 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Mechanical Engineering.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. The course is assessed by a range of online examinations and practical assessments. Optional modules can be agreed and selected by employer.

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Manufacturing Industry. If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers will support you. Our Open Days are a great opportunity to meet employers.

Further Study

Successful candidates can progress into employment or continue to study at Level 4/5 and Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Your Future Career

This apprenticeship is suitable for those who are currently working within this sector or are looking to gain employment within this sector as a Mechanical or Maintenance Engineer. The UK industry is buoyant and job prospects are positive.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £24,000
- Highly Experienced - £30k to £40k





IMI Level 2 Traineeship

Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code
500/9689/8

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Institute of Motor Industry (IMI)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
 



Course Overview
An auto body repair operative works in a specialist garage.

The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage and your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Assessing damage and deciding how to repair it
- Removing damaged panels or parts for repair
- Smoothing out minor dents in panels
- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers.

Enrichment activities may be included in the course.

European Projects and the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions will be offered. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances your Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

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Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Fabrication tools and measuring devices
- Removing and fitting non permanently fixed motor vehicle body panels
- Removing and replacing exterior motor vehicle body panels including permanently fixed components
- Minor motor vehicle exterior body panel repairs
- Motor Vehicle body (MAG) welding
- Motor vehicle body resistant spot welding operations
- Removing and fitting motor mechanical, electrical and trim (MET) components to vehicles

Optional Modules
As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English (Grade E)

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O6 or above.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
The course is made up with ten units each containing theory online and written assessments. Eight of these units have practical assessments also with each having an average of four tasks to be carried out successfully.

Work Placement
Students will initially be provided with in college work placement which will prepare students for industrial placements if gained through the academic year.

Further Study
Students without Maths and English at grade C or above will have the opportunity to complete essential skills to Level 2 as part of the programme of study.

On successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma or employment status / pre-entry criteria it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career
With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms.

You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair. Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - Up to £30,000





IMI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI

Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code

500/9686/2

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE for workshop activities (safety boots/overalls)

Awarding Body

Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

Course Contact:

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Employment Liaison Officer

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Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

Fast Facts: Collision damage is more than skin deep. When your car hits an obstacle, that impact goes through the entire vehicle, bending or breaking body panels, frame components, wheels, interior pieces, and drivetrain parts.

The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage and your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers

European Projects and the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Repair VCQ/VRQ
- Health and Safety
- Fabrication tools and measuring devices

- Removing and fitting non permanently fixed motor vehicle body panels
- Removing and replacing exterior motor vehicle body panels including permanently fixed components
- Minor motor vehicle exterior body panel repairs
- Motor Vehicle body (MAG) welding
- Motor vehicle body resistant spot welding operations
- Removing and fitting motor mechanical, electrical and trim (MET) components to vehicle

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above/equivalent Essential Skills.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above;

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Applicants that require Essential Skills must have written consent from their employer that they will be released during the day from work to attend these classes as they may be run on a different day to normal vocational class. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2025.



Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete an apprenticeship a VRQ and VCQ e-portfolio must be successfully achieved.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed in workplace by NWRC Assessor. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study

On successful completion of Level 2 qualification it is possible to progress and undertake a Level 3 through Apprenticeship NI.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms. You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair.

Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

Salary Guide:

- Starter: £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced: £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced: Up to £30,000





IMI Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Motor Light Vehicle Body Repair

Course Code
500/9692/8
500/9809/3

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE required for workshop activities - includes safety boots and overalls.

Awarding Body
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

Course Contact
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Admissions Office
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Progression
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Course Overview

An auto body repairer works in a specialist garage dedicated to repair. The work is often divided between major and minor collision damage. Your skills will always be in demand.

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Assessing damage and deciding how to repair it
- Removing damaged panels or parts for repair
- Smoothing out minor dents in panels
- Filling small holes or rusted areas with filler
- Making body panels and sections, and welding them into place
- Refinishing the repair to match surrounding areas
- Keeping a record of all work completed to show customers
- European Projects / compete in Regional and UK Competitions

Core Modules

- Competency in removing and Replacing Structural Body Panels
- Competency in Motor Vehicle Major Panel Repairs
- Competency in Rectifying Vehicle Misalignment
- Competency motor Vehicle Body Mechanical Fastening Devices

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above / equivalent Essential Skills; and Level 2 vocational qualification in Light Vehicle Body Repair.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O4 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Light Vehicle Body Repair.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. This course will run subject to numbers.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete an apprenticeship a VRQ and VCQ e-portfolio must be successfully achieved.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete Level 3 qualification and will also be assessed in workplace by NWRC Assessor. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Further Study

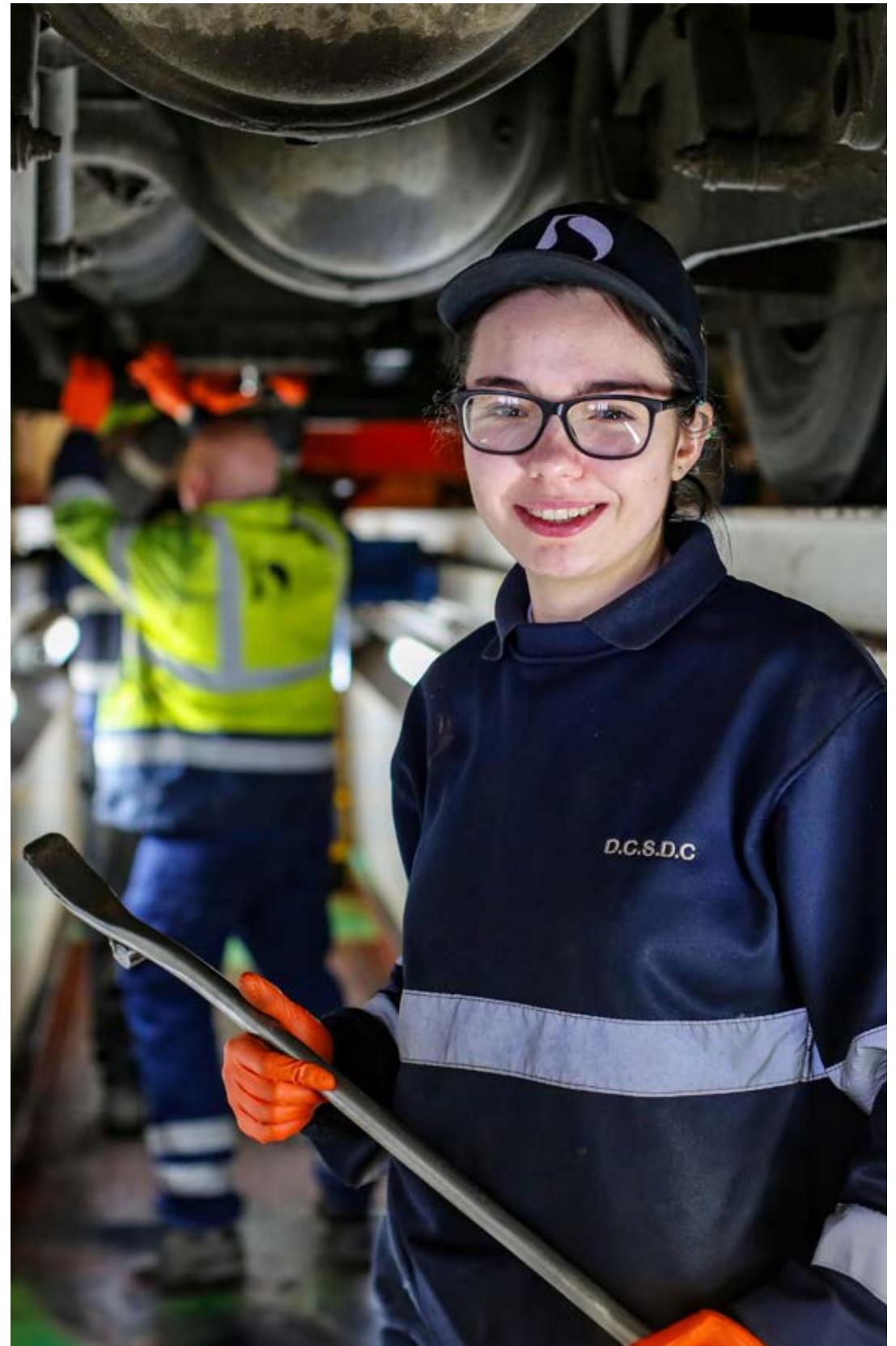
On successful completion of Level 3 qualification it is possible to progress to Level 4 and Level 5 qualifications.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a lead fitter or technician, or move into supervisory and body-shop management positions in larger firms. You could also set up your own business and move into mobile repair.

Your lecturers have all been Apprentices and worked their way from Industry to Education.

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - Up to £30,000





IMI Level 3 Apprenticeship NI

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Course Code

500/9815/9

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities (safety boots and overalls) - Costs are covered by the College.

Awarding Body

Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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Employment Liaison Officer

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Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

Do you enjoy looking under the bonnet of a car and want to learn about diagnostics, repair, replacement and maintenance?

People put their trust in you when a car is driven into a workshop and Technology is 'driving' this sector.

You may work for an independent garage, or freight, transport and construction companies, fast-fit outlets and car dealerships. You may specialise in one particular make of vehicle.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Telling customers if repairs are needed and whether they're urgent
- Working out the estimated time and cost for jobs
- Checking stock levels and ordering parts
- Carrying out standard servicing, repairs and maintenance
- Road testing vehicles to check repairs
- Fitting and servicing accessories like stereos and alarms
- Keeping records

Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Core Modules

- Support for Job Roles in the Automotive Work Environment
- Diagnosis and rectification of Light Vehicle Chassis Faults
- Diagnosis and Rectification of Light Vehicle Engine Faults
- Diagnosis and rectification of vehicle Electrical Faults
- Diagnosis and rectification of Light Vehicle Transmission Faults

Optional Modules

As required by Industry

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Motor vehicle Maintenance Repair prior to entry.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O4 or above and Level 2 vocational qualification in Motor vehicle Maintenance Repair.

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. Required to complete an ePortfolio which consists of written essay type assessments and work reports. This is combined with online exams.

Employed
Route only*

*See Entry Requirements below for details

Work Placement

As an Apprentice you will already be employed in the Automotive Industry. Our Open Days are also a great opportunity to meet employers.

Contact our Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Your Future Career

On successful completion of Level 3 qualification progression can be to Level 4/5 and Degree programmes and our Lecturers have all come through the Apprenticeship programme.

Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager. You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set up your own business.

Average salaries within the industry:

- Starter - £20,000
- Experienced - £25,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Motor Vehicle Skills

Course Code
610/2946/4

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
Springtown
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

Course Overview
This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to successfully achieve a Level 2 VRQ in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

This course entails everything from bumper to bumper on a light vehicle that will allow you to competently work on all aspects of light vehicles.

Topics covered in the course include:

- Positive Working Relationships
- Fabrication
- Vehicle Servicing
- Engine Principles and Operation
- Vehicle Electrical Systems
- Vehicle Chassis Systems
- Vehicle Transmission Systems

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of competing at World Skills

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Core Modules

- Health and Safety in the Motor Vehicle Industry
- Motor Vehicle Tools, Equipment and Consumable Materials
- Brake System Operation and Components
- Steering System Operation and Components

- Electrical Circuit Operation and Components
- Engine Operation and Components
- Engine Lubrication and Cooling Systems Operations and Components
- Transmissions System Operation and Components
- Practical Motor Vehicle Project

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E;

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above);

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.

The qualification requires you complete an E-portfolio which includes written assessment. This is combined with exams for each module.

Work Placement
Students will initially be provided with in college work placement which will prepare students for industrial placements if gained through the academic year.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 2 Traineeship it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career
With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager.

You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set-up your own business.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000



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Jargon Buster

Confused by educational terms and phrases?
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OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Motor Vehicle Skills



Course Code

610/2946/4

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: PPE required for workshop activities safety boots and overalls. Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body

Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact

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Greystone

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Employment Liaison Officer

Dick Tucker
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Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

This course combines the practical hands-on experience of the workplace with the knowledge, skills and understanding gained in the College classroom and workshops enabling you to successfully achieve a Level 2 NVQ in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

This course entails everything from bumper to bumper on a light vehicle that will allow you to competently work on all aspects of light vehicles

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representation at World Skills.

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest of the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3..

Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Positive Working Relationships
- Fabrication
- Vehicle Servicing
- Engine principles and operation
- Vehicle Electrical Systems
- Vehicle Chassis Systems
- Vehicle Transmission Systems
- OCN Level 2 Diploma in Motor Vehicle Skills

Optional Modules

As required by Industry.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional classes for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes are available at NWRC prior to September 2025.

Assessment

50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete an apprenticeship an e-portfolio must be successfully achieved which includes written assessment. Also, online exams to be successfully completed.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend the College one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification. You will also be assessed on site by an NWRC Assessor.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study

On successful completion of level 2 qualification it is possible to complete level 3 through Apprenticeship NI route or part time FE route.

Students go on to Level 4/5 and Degree programmes and our Lecturers have all come through the Apprenticeship programme.

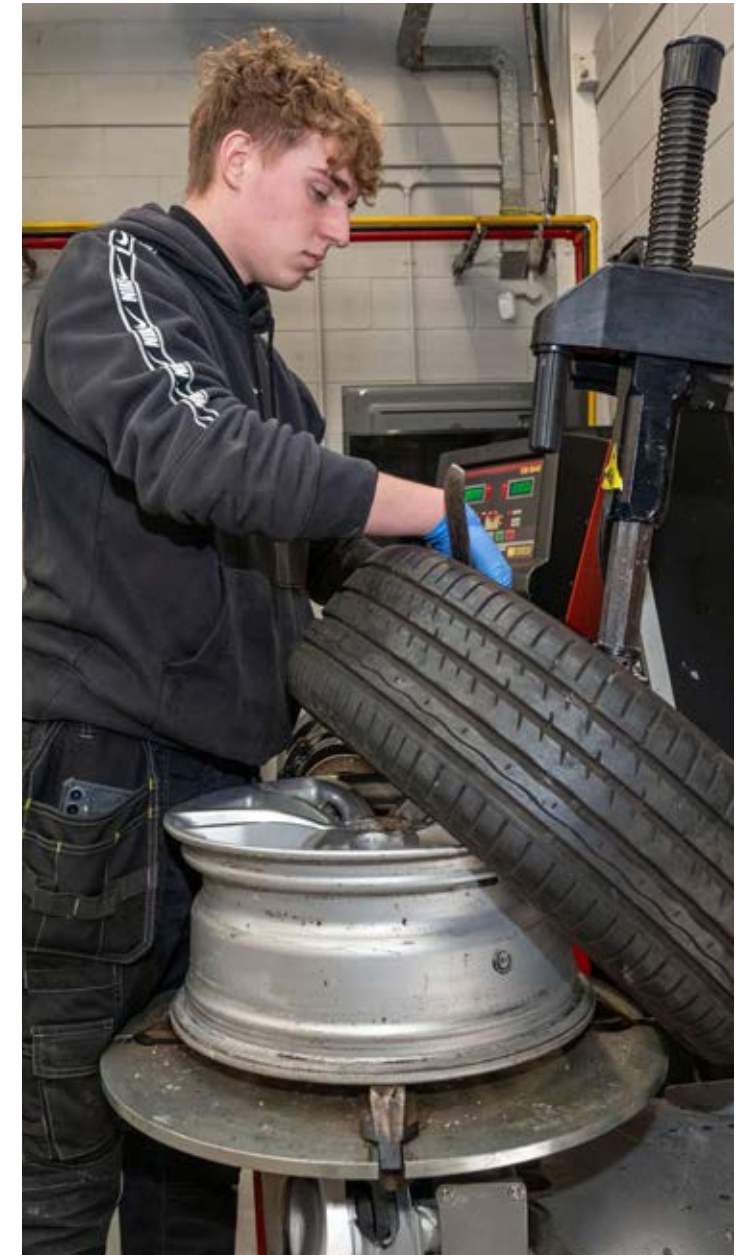
Your Future Career

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager. You could work as a breakdown engineer or MOT tester, or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance. You could also set up your own business..

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £27,000
- Highly Experienced - £28,000 to £35,000





City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Painting and Decorating



Course Code

603/7633/8

Campus

Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study

2 Years

Additional Fees

Uniform: Students to provide their own PPE required for workshop activities safety boots and overalls.

Awarding Body

City & Guilds

Course Contact

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Employer Liaison Officer

Dick Tucker
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Admissions Office

(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

There is a shortfall in the number of qualified Painters and Decorators qualifying and therefore employment opportunities are good.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Measuring surface areas and working out how much paint or wall covering is needed
- Preparing the materials you need
- Stripping off old wallpaper or layers of paint
- Filling holes and cracks and making sure surfaces are level
- Covering surfaces with primer and undercoat
- Mixing paint to the right shade, often using computerised colour-matching equipment
- Applying coats of paint, hanging wallpaper and adding special finishes like glazes or marbling
- Tidying up after finishing, and cleaning your tools.

On industrial jobs, you will use abrasive methods like sandblasting to remove old paintwork, and apply finishes with spray-painting equipment. If you like to work with surfaces, have a good eye for detail and are creative then this is the course for you.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C (or above) must also attend additional Essential Skills classes which allow progression to the Level 3 qualification.

Core Modules

- Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating 6707-23
- Level 2 NVQ in Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Occupations (Construction) - Painter 6572-21

Optional Modules

As required by industry need.

Entry Requirements

UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade D or above / equivalent Essential Skills.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to an additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Applicants that require Essential Skills must have written consent from their employer that they will be released during the day from work to attend these classes as they may be run on a different day to normal vocational class. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC are available prior to September 2025.

Assessment

60% Coursework, 40% Exam. To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a Level 2 Diploma e-portfolio done in college and also a NVQ e-portfolio completed with evidence from site.

Work Placement

You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site. You may also be required to attend College on days outside of your normal class day, should Essential Skills be required.

Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Further Study

On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship it is possible to progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Painting & Decorating, through Apprenticeship NI.

Options for further progression include a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH, or a degree.

Your Future Career

Self-employed painters and decorators set their own pay rates.

With experience, you could become a team supervisor or move into related areas like estimating, contract management, interior or set design, or apprentice training.

Average salaries:

- Starter - £15,000 to £18,000
- Experienced - £21,000 to £25,000
- Highly Experienced - £25,000 to £30,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Plumbing Skills

Course Code
610/2678/5

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: College will provide PPE

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview
The qualification is aimed at learners 16 and above who have a desire to work in the Plumbing and Heating Industry and gain full time employment.

This course will provide a range of skills and learning that participants can achieve which are directly related to the domestic Plumbing and Heating industry. The students will study a broad range of topic areas that are taught and assessed over the period of the course.

Over the course the students must participate in course enriching work placement and as part of the traineeship also, students will undertake and develop transversal skills and the necessary Maths, English or ICT essential skills.

- The successful students from this course can progress into full time employment with the necessary pre-requisites.
- Core Modules**
- Health and Safety In the Plumbing Industry
 - Installing and Maintaining an Open Vented Hot Water System
 - Installing and Maintaining Cold Water Pipework Systems
 - Installing and Maintaining Sanitary Systems
 - Installing Underfloor Heating Systems
 - Planning and Preparing for the Installation of a Central Heating System
 - Plumbing Industry Processes, Techniques and Principles

- Practical Plumbing Project
 - Sustainability in the Plumbing Industry
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.
- ROI:** 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.
- Assessment**
80% Coursework, 20% Exam. Ongoing theory and practical module assessments during the course.
- Work Placement**
Students will initially be provided with in college work placement which will prepare students for industrial placements if gained through the academic year.

- Further Study**
Transversal Skills, Essential Skills (Maths, English and ICT). Students can progress to an Apprenticeship if they achieve the entry criteria. On successful completion, and if suitable employment is gained, entry to Level 3 is possible.
- Your Future Career**
This course can offer a pathway to Full-Time employment within the Plumbing and Heating industry. This career choice opens up many opportunities - a reliable pattern of work, self-employment, diversify into areas of Gas, Oil, Renewables, Industrial/Commercial work or progress into higher education within the building services/construction industry.





OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Plumbing



Course Code
501/1981/3

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for workshop activities - safety boots and overalls.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
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Employment Liaison Officer
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Admissions Office
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Progression

Course Overview
Plumbers install complex cold / hot water, sanitation and heating systems. Plumbers can work across many industries, including Gas, Renewables and Oil. Plumbing is well recognised as a necessary skill for the future economy and the rewards are high for those that produce quality work.

Our students are constantly encouraged to produce a level of work that will propel them into a successful career. As a NWRC student you may participate in a range of enrichment programs within the duration of your course. The majority of our students successfully complete the level 2 Plumbing apprenticeship, progress and remain in full-time employment.

Students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules

- Planning and Preparing for the Installation of a Central Heating System
- Installing Underfloor Heating Systems
- Health and Safety in the Plumbing Industry
- Plumbing Industry Processes, Techniques and Principles
- Installing and Maintaining Cold Water Pipework Systems

- Installing and Maintaining an Open Vented Hot Water System
 - Sustainability in the Plumbing Industry
 - Installing and Maintaining Sanitary Systems
 - Practical Plumbing Project
- Optional Modules**
As required by industry.
- Entry Requirements**
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above/equivalent Essential Skills;
- ROI:** Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.
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- You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme.
- Applicants that require Essential Skills must have written consent from their employer that they will be released during the day from work to attend these classes as they may be run on a different day to the normal vocational class. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to September 2025.
- Assessment**
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
- To complete a Level 2 apprenticeship all units within the qualification which have both theory and practical assessments has to be achieved including on site evidence.

Work Placement
You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site by NWRC Assessor. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 2 it is possible to progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship. Further options including the Higher National Certificate; Higher National Diploma; NEBOSH or Degree options.

Your Future Career
Many plumbers progress to design, consultancy, teaching and management, making the plumbing and heating industry a career with a long-term future.

Depending on where you work or if you are employed/self-employed you can earn a good hourly and weekly wage. London and big city plumber's wages can exceed the average wage of £15,000 to £40,000.

If you work hard and are recognised as a good plumber, your earnings will give you a good standard of living.





City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship NI Plumbing



Course Code
600/1122/1

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE for workshop activities boots and overalls.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

Course Contact
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Employer Liaison Officer
Owen Crozier
073 8500 0864

Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression

Course Overview
Plumbers can work across many industries, including Gas, Renewables and Oil. Plumbing is well recognised as a necessary skill for the future economy.

You will participate in a range of enrichment workshops built into all Level 3 programmes. Our students have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of progressing to World Skills. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances the student's CV and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Many students that have completed the Plumbing Level 3 qualification have went on to have very successful careers such as opening their own business, site supervisors, diversifying into other building services jobs in the fast growing renewable energy area.

- Core Modules**
- Organise Resources within the BSE
 - Oil Fired Appliance(Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Central Heating (Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Sanitation (Design,Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Complex Cold Water (Design, Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Complex Hot Water (Design, Install, Commission, Service and Maintain)
 - Understand and Carry Out Electrical Work on Domestic Plumbing and Heating Systems and Components (Awareness)

Optional Modules
Industry relevant units.

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above / equivalent Essential Skills;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English, Maths and ICT at Grade O4 or above. -----

You must also have employment with a N. Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025 and hold a Level 2 Plumbing and Heating NVQ prior to entry.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam. To complete a Level 3 apprenticeship all units within the qualification which have both theory and practical assessments has to be achieved including on site evidence. The core pathway is oil fired central heating.

Work Placement
You will be employed and attend college one day per week

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma through Apprenticeship NI further progression options including the Higher National Certificate; Higher National Diploma; NEBOSH; or Degree options.

Your Future Career
Many plumbers progress to design, consultancy, teaching and management, making the plumbing and heating industry a career with a long-term future. Plumbers can also become College Lecturers.



City & Guilds Level 1 Award Skills for Life and Work

Course Code
601/8755/4

Campus
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression

Course Overview
This course provides the ideal introduction to the construction industry and preparation for employment. Students take part in "real life" Project Based Learning opportunities in addition to attending a work placement.

Essential Skills in English and Maths is an integral part of the programme. All students must undertake work placement as part of the programme.

The placement model will see students attending college three days per week and placement two days per week during academic year, then during summer students attend placement five days per week. Students will focus on construction trades however depending on student needs timetabling of other vocational trade areas are possible.

- Core Modules**
- C&G Construction Level 1
 - Employability and Personal Development
 - Essential Skills Literacy
 - Essential Skills Numeracy
 - Essential Skills ICT

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements for this course, however applicants must have the potential to successfully gain the qualification. All students must have the potential to undertake work placement during this programme.

Assessment
90% Coursework, 10% Exam.

The course is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop alongside theory based job knowledge.

The programme will also require the student to partake in a work placement.

Work Placement
Work placement is an integral part of the programme (three days in college / and two days work placement).

Further Study
On completion of the Level 1 course and the required level of Essential Skills, students can progress on to a Level 2 Traineeship or AppNI Level 2.

Your Future Career
This programme looks at individual needs of students as part of the course our awarding winning Careers Academy team work with students to help them progress onto a pathway that best suits their own ambitions.





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Wet Trades (Brickwork)

Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
H £

Course Overview
Bricklaying is a skill which is in high demand by small and medium sized construction companies and therefore apprenticeship and employment opportunities are good across Northern Ireland.

There are a number of different types of 'brick' each one differing in what it's best used for and what it's made of. That's before you get to colour and size differences. Using the right brick is integral to creating solid, durable structures. As a Bricklayer you will work within the Construction Industry both on commercial and residential projects. You can work internally / externally on residential and commercial projects.

Enrichment activities and personnel development workshops on mental health, road safety and cultural diversity are built into the programme.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grades D-G) to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E;
ROI: 4 OLCs (Grades O5-O8) to include Maths Grade O5 and English Grade O6.

Students without Maths and English at Grade D / Grade O5 (or above) will have the opportunity to complete Essential Skills to Level 2.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam. The course is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop with tasks having a theory multiple choice question paper.

Work Placement
Students will initially be provided with in college work placement which will prepare students for industrial placements if gained through the academic year.

Further Study
On successful completion it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme with further options for progression including a Higher National Certificate, Higher National Diploma, NEBOSH, or a degree.

Your Future Career
Skills that are in demand are brickwork repair, pointing, rendering, restoration, conservation, stone cladding. The average Construction salary for Bricklaying jobs is £36,679.





OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Wet Trades (Brickwork)



Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE for activities in the workshop boots and overalls

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
Springtown
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Employment Liaison Officer
Jason Spratt
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Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
H £



Course Overview
Bricklaying is a skill which is in high demand by small and medium sized construction companies and therefore apprenticeship and employment opportunities are good across Northern Ireland.

As a bricklayer you will work within the Construction Industry both on commercial and residential projects. You can work internally and externally on residential and commercial projects. If you like to interpret drawings, set out, measure, construct and finish, then this is the career for you.

Enrichment activities and personnel development workshops on mental health, road safety and cultural diversity are built into the programme.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK. Participation in competition and winning awards enhances your Curriculum Vitae and may lead to exciting employment opportunities.

Students without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

Core Modules
• OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Wet Trades (Brickwork)

Optional Modules
Units relevant to Industry.

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade D or above or equivalent Essential Skills.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a NI registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Contact college Employment Liaison Officer (ELO) for employer search advice.

Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional classes for this to be achieved in first year of programme.

Attendance at a course information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam.
To complete the apprenticeship the candidate is required to complete a Level 2 Diploma e-portfolio with site or college assessment.

Work Placement
You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification and you will also be assessed on site by NWRC Brickwork Assessor.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
On successful completion of Apprenticeship Level 2 it is possible to complete a Level 3 through the Apprenticeship NI route.

There are also options for progression via a Level 3 Diploma in Brickwork, Higher Level Apprenticeship, HND/C, NEBOSH, and degree options.

Your Future Career
Skills that are in demand include:

- Brickwork repair
- Pointing
- Rendering
- Restoration
- Conservation
- Stone cladding

The average Construction salary for Bricklaying jobs is £36,679.





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Wet Trades (Wall and Floor Tiling)

Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
Springtown
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
H £



Course Overview
This course allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and / or career progression in Wall and Floor Tiling. Throughout the course, you will develop the knowledge required to understand the processes and procedures while learning the hands-on skills required to become a competent wall and floor tiler.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest in the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

- Core Modules**
- Health and Safety in the Wet Trades Industry
 - Understand Building Construction Materials and Methods

- Optional Modules**
- Preparing Backgrounds for Wall and Floor Tiling
 - Tiling Wall Surfaces
 - Tiling Floor Surfaces
 - Laying Sand and Cement Floor Screeds

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above).

This course will run subject to numbers or alternatively it will be consolidated to run in one of the campuses only.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam. Online exams and Practical Assessment.

Work Placement
Students will initially be provided with in college work placement which will prepare students for industrial placements if gained through the academic year.

Further Study
Students without Maths and English at Grade C or above will have the opportunity to complete essential skills to Level 2 as part of the programme of study.

On successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma or employment status / pre-entry criteria it is possible to progress onto full time employment on Apprenticeship NI programme.

Your Future Career
With experience and extra training, you could become a site supervisor, clerk of works or contract manager. You could also work as a trainer and assessor on tiling courses or set up your own business.

Typical salaries:

- Starter - £17,000 to £20,000
- Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
- Highly Experienced - £30,000 to £38,000

93%
Student
Satisfaction*

NI average: 80%





OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Wet Trades (Wall and Floor Tiling)

Course Code
610/2945/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE for workshop activities safety boots and overalls

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
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Admissions Office
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Progression
H £

Course Overview
This course allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and / or career progression in Wall and Floor Tiling.

Throughout the course, you will develop the knowledge required to understand the processes and procedures while learning the hands-on skills required to become a competent wall and floor tiler.

- You will develop the knowledge and skills in wall and floor tiling by undertaking such units as:
- Health and Safety
 - Preparing Backgrounds for tiling
 - Forming sand and cement screeds
 - Tile Wall Surfaces
 - Tile Floor Surfaces

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of representing your country at World Skills. To succeed every NWRC student requires determination, an interest in the subject, commitment to your studies and a good work ethic.

Students who enter the programme without Maths, English and ICT at grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3

- Core Modules**
- Health and Safety in the Wet Trades Industry
 - Understand Building Construction Materials and Methods

- Optional Modules**
- Preparing Backgrounds For Wall and Floor Tiling
 - Tiling Wall Surfaces
 - Tiling Floor Surfaces
 - Laying Sand and Cement Floor Screeds

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade D or above/equivalent Essential Skills;

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O5 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025. Applicants without ICT at Level 2 must commit to additional class for this to be achieved in first year of programme. Part-Time evening ICT classes at NWRC available prior to Sept 2025.

This course will run subject to numbers or alternatively it will be consolidated to run in one of the campuses.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

To achieve the full apprenticeship at Level 2 the candidate must complete a Diploma which is assessed in college in the form of practical tasks carried out in the workshop with tasks having a theory multiple choice question paper and two theory-only online assessed exams. Also, some completed evidence gathered from the workplace can be used.



Work Placement
As an Apprentice you will already be employed.

If you are struggling to find employment our dedicated team of Employment Liaison Officers (ELO) will support you - see contact details opposite. Our Open Days are also a great opportunity to meet employers.

You may also be required to attend college on days outside of the normal class day should Essential Skills be required.

Further Study
You can progress to an Apprenticeship at Level 3.

Your Future Career
With experience and extra training, you could become a site supervisor, clerk of works or contract manager. You could also work as a trainer and assessor on tiling courses or set up your own business.

- Typical salaries:
- Starter - £17,000 to £20,000
 - Experienced - £20,000 to £30,000
 - Highly Experienced - £30,000 to £38,000





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Woodworking Skills

Course Code
603/7904/2

Campus
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost will be covered by the College.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
Mark Smith
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression

Course Overview
Carpentry & Joinery enables you to work internally or externally on a range of projects, making furniture, stairs, and roofing systems - the variety for a skilled professional is always challenging. Finishing to a high standard and job satisfaction are integral to success.

CNC engraving and milling is an additional woodcraft which you may gain experience with at NWRC.

Enrichment activities include personal development workshops on mental health, road safety, and cultural diversity amongst others. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of competing in World Skills.

Within the Traineeship course, you will also take part in real-life working projects based on the Project-Based learning Model.

- Core Modules**
- First and Second Fix Carpentry Techniques
 - Health, Safety and Welfare in Woodworking Occupations
 - Interpreting Construction Drawings and Information
 - Maintain and Use Woodworking Hand and Power Tools
 - Practical Woodworking Project
 - Setting, Marking Out and Manufacturing of Joinery Products
 - Understanding Construction Methods

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths Grade D and English Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include English (Grade O6 or above) and Maths at (Grade O5 or above).

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students must complete knowledge and competence qualification OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Woodworking Skills from Apprenticeship Level 2 framework which allows for seamless transition onto Apprenticeship Level 2 programme.

Work Placement
Students will be required to attend work experience which will be organised on a weekly basis or in blocks throughout the calendar year.

Further Study
On successful completion of the Level 2 qualification it is possible to progress on to Apprenticeship NI programme with further options for progression including a HNC/D, NEBOSH, or a Degree.

Your Future Career

- Newly trained bench joiners: £14,000 - £17,000
- Trained with experience bench joiners: £20,000 - £35,000
- Senior/master craft bench joiners: £30,000 - £50,000

Carpenters and Joiners with the right skills and qualifications can become College Lecturers.



OCN NI Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Woodworking Skills



Course Code
603/7904/2

Campus
Springtown (Derry~Londonderry)
Greystone (Limavady)

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: Students must provide their own PPE for workshop activities - safety boots and overalls.

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

Course Contact
Springtown
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Limavady
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Employment Liaison Officer
Jason Spratt
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Admissions Office
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Course Overview
Carpentry & Joinery can mean you work internally or externally on a range of projects, making furniture, stairs, roofing systems - the variety for a skilled professional is always challenging. Finishing to a high standard and job satisfaction are integral to success. CNC engraving and milling is an additional woodcraft which you may gain experience with at NWRC. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions with the aim of continuing to World Skills.

Students who enter programme without Maths, English and ICT at Grade C or above must also attend additional essential skills which allows for progression to Level 3.

- Core Modules**
- First and Second Fix Carpentry Techniques
 - Maintain and Use Woodworking Hand and Power Tools
 - Practical Woodworking Project
 - Setting, Marking Out and Manufacturing of Joinery Products
 - Understanding Construction Methods
 - Health, Safety and Welfare in Woodworking Occupations
 - Interpreting Construction Drawings and Information

Entry Requirements
UK: GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above / equivalent Essential Skills.

ROI: Leaving Certificate English and Maths at Grade O4 or above.

You must also have employment with a N.Ireland registered company confirmed by 31/07/2025.

Applicants without ICT Level 2 must commit to additional classes for this to be achieved in first year of programme. PT evening classes are available prior to Sept 2025.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The candidate is required to complete a combined knowledge and competence qualification, Level 2 Diploma in Woodworking Skills. This qualification allows for both assessment in the workplace or in College.

Work Placement
You are employed so you attend NWRC one day per week to complete the Level 2 qualification. You will be assessed on site by NWRC Assessor.

Further Study
On successful completion options for further progression include Higher Level Apprenticeships, HNC/D, NEBOSH and Degree options.

Your Future Career

- Newly trained bench joiners: £14,000 - £17,000
- Trained with experience bench joiners: £20,000 - £30,000
- Senior/master craft bench joiners: £30,000 - £40,000

Self-employed Bench Joiners set their own pay rates. Carpenters and Joiners with the right skills and qualifications can become College Lecturers.

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Career Paths

- › Fashion Designer
- › Illustrator
- › Graphic Designer
- › Web Designer
- › Animator
- › Sculptor
- › Tattoo Artist
- › Photographer

...plus many more!





MEET JESSICA

Hello, my name is **Jessica Wen Lin** and I studied the **Foundation Diploma in Art** at the College. I'm currently doing a Foundation year at Ulster University and I'm loving it! My time at NWRC helped prep me for uni life 🙌

I plan to progress into Interior Design and property renovation.



FUN FACT: Jessica enjoys hiking, crafting with joinery, practicing self-care and jotting her thoughts in a journal.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Why did you decide to study Art and Design?

I chose to study Art and Design so I could explore in depth what I love 🎨🖌️ I've always had a talent for art so I wanted to develop my skills further in that area. After working for 3 years, I thought it was time to switch things up and get back into education.

Limavady campus was recommended to me by my secondary school teachers. The Art facilities in particular are amazing! Not only is my course free, but it provides a direct link to University which is where I wanted to go.



UAL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma

Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication

Course Code
603/5302/8 (Diploma)
603/5303/X (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

Course Contact
Derry~Londonderry
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



ual: awarding body

Course Overview
If you have committed your career to Art and Design then this course will provide you with the creative experience you've been looking for.

You will have the chance to explore a range of areas including: Drawing, Painting, Photography, 2D Design, 3D Design, History of Art, Design & Communication, Textiles, Fashion, Graphics, Multimedia, Fine Art, and Design Crafts.

Work is project led and assessed through course work which allows you to monitor your own progress, and you will work in specialist Art and Design facilities in the Lawrence building.

You will complete the course with a comprehensive portfolio of work to support your application at Art College or University.

You will undertake a number of cultural visits to galleries, craft exhibitions in addition to attending workshops with visiting artists.

- Core Modules**
- Year One**
- Unit 1 The Creative Process
 - Unit 2 Developing Creative Practice
 - Unit 3 Responding to a Set Brief

- Year Two:**
- Unit 4 Researching a Specialist Industry Practice
 - Unit 5 Specialist Technical Skills Development
 - Unit 6 Specialist Creative Outcome

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or an art related subject (Moving image/Digital/Design).

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or an art related subject (Moving image/Digital/Design) OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

As well as the required academic qualifications, you will be interviewed, during which your portfolio of recent work must be presented.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio based and include sketch book work, presentations and written work. Students must successfully complete Units 1-2 in Year 1 before moving onto Unit 3. In Year 2 they must complete Units 4-5 before moving onto Unit 6.

Further Study
This course has a track record of progressing students to Level 3 Foundation in Art and Design and HND courses at NWRC, as well as Degree programmes at universities across the UK and Ireland.

Your Future Career
Former students have found employment in areas including teaching, graphic design, fine art, illustration, product design, photography, set design, fashion illustration and professional artistry.

Level 3 courses are valued by employers, as successful students possess practical experience and a qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels.





UAL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma

Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication [Design Crafts]

Course Code
603/5302/8 (Diploma)
603/5303/X (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London (UAL)

Course Contact:
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



ual: awarding body

Course Overview

Ever thought how great it would be to focus all your time on the subject you love the most rather than dividing up your time between a range of different ones? If you are someone who would love a job in the creative industries and are passionate about Art & Design above all else, then this course could be just perfect for you!

This course will develop your art and design practice more than a traditional A-Level, providing you with an exciting, challenging and diverse experience led by a team of specialist lecturers working in dedicated studios and workshops in the Limavady Main Street campus.

It's an exciting alternative to A-Level study that gives students a much broader art and design education due to the wide range of specialist areas and experiences on offer, that many students may never have had the opportunity to try before.

Work is project-led and assessed through coursework which allows you to monitor your progress.

Core Modules

Year One

- Unit 1 The Creative Process
- Unit 2 Developing Creative Practice
- Unit 3 Responding to a Set Brief

Year Two:

- Unit 4 Researching a Specialist Industry Practice
- Unit 5 Specialist Technical Skills Development
- Unit 6 Specialist Creative Outcome

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or Art related subject (e.g Moving image, Digital imaging, Technology & Design).

You will be required to attend for Interview presenting a portfolio of work which showcases your creative skills and abilities.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or Art related subject (e.g Moving image, Digital imaging, Technology & Design).

You will be required to attend an Interview presenting a portfolio of work which showcases your creative skills and abilities.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio-based and include sketch book work, presentations and written work.

Students must successfully complete Units 1-2 in Year 1 before moving onto Unit 3, and in Year 2 students must complete Units 4-5 before moving onto Unit 6.

Further Study

Completion of this course provides you with a significant portfolio of work for application to progress your studies to a one year Foundation Art and Design course, or a HND programme at NWRC.

Successful completion will also allow you to progress to degree level at your chosen university.

UCAS Tariff Points

This course is accredited by the University of the Arts London (UAL) and is equivalent to 3 A-Levels over two years (extended diploma).

Diploma

- Pass = 36
- Merit = 60
- Distinction = 84

Extended Diploma

- Pass = 72
- Merit = 120
- Distinction = 168

Your Future Career

This course will give you an insight into the career options available within this ever-growing industry.

Former students have found employment in areas including:

- Teaching
- Graphic design
- Fine art
- Illustration
- Product design
- Photography
- Set design
- Fashion illustration
- Visual merchandising
- Marketing,
- TV / Film industry
- Tattoo artistry





UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma Art and Design

Course Code
603/3138/0

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
University of the Arts London
(UAL)

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Limavady campus
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

ual: awarding
body

Course Overview
The aim of this qualification is to encourage creativity, experimentation and enquiry.

The course builds upon students prior experience, linking skills already acquired with ideas and challenges, which will expand their critical independence and enable them to make informed decisions when applying to Higher Education, or seeking employment within a related industry.

The course is characterised by student- centred learning encompassing exploratory and investigative practices, contextual research and material testing and provides a transition from general education to specialist art and design education.

During the course you will be introduced to a range of techniques and processes in Graphic Design, Fashion and Textiles, 3D Design, Illustration, Print and Fine Art.

- Core Modules**
During the 1 year course you will study three mandatory units:
- Unit 1: Diagnostic Investigation into Creative Practice
 - Unit 2: Developing Specialist Practice
 - Unit 4: Consolidating Practice

Entry Requirements
UK: 5 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art or Design and 1 A level or equivalent Level 3 Qualification in art and design or in a relevant creative subject.

You will be required to attend an interview session and must present an A-Level standard portfolio.

ROI: 5 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Art or Design and Higher Level H5 or Ordinary Level O1 in Art or equivalent Level 3 qualification in Art and Design or in a relative creative subject.

You will be required to attend an interview session and must present a Higher Leaving Certificate standard portfolio.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessments are portfolio based and include sketchbook work, written work and presentations.

Units 1 - 2 must be successfully completed and passed to allow for progression to Unit 4 (graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction).

- Further Study**
Successful participants can progress to higher level study within NWRC:
- HND in Art & Design (Fine Art),
 - HND in Art and Design (Textiles),
 - HND in Digital Design

Students can also progress to Hons Degree programmes throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe.

UCAS Tariff Points
This course is included in the UCAS tariff and attracts tariff points of:

Pass=80, Merit=96, Distinction=112.

Your Future Career
Former students have found employment in areas including:

- Costume design for productions such as Game of Thrones and Peaky Blinders
- Fashion design for John Rocha, and Marks & Spencer
- Theatrical costumes and Victoria's Secret Lingerie
- Graphic design
- Teaching and lecturing
- Glass design
- Interior design for Ikea
- Fashion and news photography
- Program production with the BBC
- Fashion/jewellery design
- Book and TV animation
- Product design for Lego, Denmark

Students have also availed of entrepreneurial opportunities in areas such as Tattoo practice, Exhibitions, Fine Art commissions and retail/craft business development.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Fashion and Textiles

Course Code
610/1790/5 (HNC)
610/1791/7 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC) / 2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview
An intensive 2 year course offering the opportunity to experience a wide range of textile practices and design skills through exploration and experimentation. Year 1 encourages you to explore a variety of textile processes, including printed and embroidered textiles, weave, and mixed media. In Year 2 students move towards specialised work to refine ideas in design development and textile processes producing more resolved outcomes. The course provides a framework to support you to develop specialist in-depth knowledge and skills. This course will encourage practical and intellectual skills in a stimulating and supportive environment.

You will explore Textile Art and Design with elements of Fashion and participate in public exhibitions.

- Core Modules**
- A process and Practice
 - Concept and development
 - Creative practice
 - Professional Creative Practice
 - Personal Professional Development
 - Professional Project Professional Practice
 - Applied Practice Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
 - Advanced Textile Studies
 - Professional Development
 - Contextual Studies
 - Individual Project (Pearson-set)
 - Techniques and Processes
 - Computer Aided Design (CAD)
 - Fashion & Textiles Practices

Optional Modules
Surface Design; Advanced Art Practice; Accessories; Material Selection and Specification.

Optional modules may change depending upon curriculum needs.

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS points at A-Level (must include Art or Art related subject) together with 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

ROI: 32 UCAS points to include Art at Higher Level and 4 OLC's (Grade O5 or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

A portfolio of work demonstrating your suitability and aptitude for this course must be presented at interview. Minimum age for entry is normally 18, which may be waived in exceptional cases.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessment will be based upon research work, practical work and presentations.

Further Study
You may be able to progress onto a relevant degree programme at university with exemptions from Year 1 and Year 2 in some cases.

Your Future Career
Careers include: Textile designer, Print designer, Textile technician, Retail buyer, Visual merchandiser, Teaching.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate/Diploma Fine Art

Course Code
610/1795/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC) / 2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview
This course offers you the opportunity to experience a range of Fine Art Practices with a focus on Contemporary Fine Art, offering the chance to develop a personal visual language through exploration and experimentation with processes, materials and ideas.

The course will expose you to contemporary practices within Fine Art including Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Digital multimedia and installation work and will provide opportunities for you to exhibit your work to the public. As a student you will develop the underlying knowledge and skills that will enable you to begin your journey in the Fine Art industry.

Combining research, development and production, you will explore the knowledge, understanding and technical skills required to progress within the creative Industries sector.

This course requires independent study outside of the timetabled hours.

- Core Modules**
- Year One**
- Unit A1: Concept and Development
 - Unit A2: Creative Project
- Year Two:**
- Unit B1: Personal Professional Development
 - Unit B2: Professional Project

Entry Requirements
UK: 32 UCAS points at A-Level (must include Art or Art related subject) together with 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Art, Maths and

English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design; Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma; or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

ROI: 32 UCAS points to include Art at Higher Level and 4 OLC's (Grade O5 or above) to include Art, Maths and English (Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy will also be accepted); OR Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Level 3 Art and Design Foundation Diploma or equivalent Level 3 qualification.

A portfolio of work demonstrating your suitability and aptitude for this course must be presented at interview. Minimum age for entry is normally 18, which may be waived in exceptional cases.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessment is based upon individual submission of practical work, sketchbooks, presentations and written reports / assignments.

Further Study
You can to progress into a relevant degree programme at university with exemption of Year 1 and 2 in some cases, or seek employment opportunities in this field. University places are often subject to interview.

Your Future Career
Professional Practicing Artist / Gallery Assistant / Curator Education / Teaching Studio assistant working within the Creative Industries.



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MEET JAMIE



Hi! My name is **Jamie Street** 🧑
I previously attended Lisneal College before enrolling on the **HND in Construction and the Built Environment** at NWRC.

I'm now at Ulster University completing a BSc in Built Environment.



FUN FACT: Jamie is a huge Liverpool fan. He has been to Anfield to watch them play several times ⚽

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



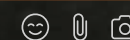
What made you decide on a career in construction?

My dad works in Building Control so I've always had an interest in following him into a career in construction. I knew this course would allow me to work on real life projects and my favourite was the redesign of the Strand Road campus estate, as part of the PBL (Project Based Learning) Awards. My group's work was selected as one of the winning projects!

At my graduation ceremony I was awarded the Lowry Cup for the Best Higher National Diploma student in Construction and the Built Environment 🏆

A career in the construction industry gives you plenty of opportunity to travel. In the future I'd love to work in the USA. My future goal is to become a chartered surveyor.

Join the conversation at nwrc.ac.uk



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Construction and the Built Environment

Course Code
603/0861/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

This is a nationally recognised construction qualification aimed at students who wish to follow a career in the construction industry. The Extended Diploma is a two-year, full-time course that is equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

The course will provide opportunities for students to progress within the industry and to higher level study. The course can also support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in the construction industry and to Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLAs) in the construction sector.

Throughout the course you will get the opportunity to gain excellent practical and academic skills, knowledge and experience. You will learn to use industry standard Computer Aided Design software to produce plans and specifications of domestic and commercial buildings. Assessment projects are designed to be directly related to real life construction industry scenarios.

- Core Modules**
- Construction Principles
 - Construction Design
 - Tendering and Estimating
 - Construction Technology
 - Health and Safety in Construction
 - Surveying in Construction
 - Graphical Detailing in Construction
 - Building Regulations and Control in Construction
 - Management of a Construction Project

- Optional Modules**
- Offsite and Onsite Alternative Construction Methods
 - Provision of Primary Services in Construction
 - Building Surveying in Construction
 - Construction in Civil Engineering
 - Renewable Energy for Housing
 - Housing Design Project

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Construction OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Construction OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Maths and English OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

Assessment

67% Coursework 33% Exam.

The Extended Diploma consists of 15 units which have been developed in collaboration with employers and representatives from higher education and relevant professional bodies to ensure that content is up to date and that it includes the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes required in the construction sector.

There are nine mandatory units. Six units are internally assessed (coursework) and three are externally assessed requiring learners to sit an examination.

A further six optional units which are also internally assessed make up the remainder of the course.

Further Study

Successful completion of this qualification will allow you to progress to Higher National Certificate / Diploma courses within NWRC.

You can also progress to university to study a degree course in areas including:

- Architecture
- Architectural Technology
- Civil Engineering
- Quantity Surveying
- Planning
- Building Services Engineering
- Construction / Site Management

Your Future Career

The course will provide opportunities for you to progress directly into employment at technician level in areas such as architecture, quantity surveying, building services or civil engineering.

You could also potentially work for building contractors as a site engineer or construction manager trainee.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Technical Apprenticeship

Civil Engineering

Course Code
603/1217/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview
NWRC is the education provider for the course which will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to start working and/ or pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

This course is designed for learners wishing to gain an apprenticeship within the Civil Engineering industry. To access this course, applicants should note that they must first be in employment or have secured employment with a relevant Civil Engineering employer for the duration of the course prior to commencing.

The apprenticeship is a 2 year, full-time course and is equivalent to 3 A-Levels. One extended day will be spent at NWRC and four days are spent with the employer. You will have the opportunity to gain excellent practical and academic skills, knowledge and experience, achieved through work-based learning and directed training within the workplace and at the College.

Further information as to how you can apply for an apprenticeship can be found through Apprenticeship Connect (NI).

- Core Modules**
- Construction Principles
 - Construction Technology
 - Construction Design
 - Health and Safety in Construction
 - Site Engineering for Construction
 - Further Mathematics for Construction
 - Construction in Civil Engineering

- Optional Modules**
- Specialist Civil Engineering Techniques
 - Management of a Construction Project
 - Surveying in Construction

Entry Requirements
Applicants must be in employment or have secured employment with a relevant employer prior to commencing the course AND meet the entry criteria below:

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Construction, OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Mathematics.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Construction, OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Mathematics; OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

Assessment
33% Coursework, 67% Exam.

The Apprenticeship is made up of two qualifications: a work based learning qualification, Level 3 Diploma in Civil Engineering for Technicians Institution of Civil Engineers, and a BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Civil Engineering.

The work based learning qualification involves gathering a portfolio of evidence for civil engineering modules and activities. There are 7 mandatory units and 3 optional units. Of the mandatory units 2 are externally assessed, requiring learners to sit an examination, and 5 are internally assessed (coursework).

A further 3 optional units which are also internally assessed make up the remainder of the course.

Work Placement
Apprentices will be employed full-time within the construction industry working a minimum of 21 hours per week.

Further Study
Successful completion of this course will allow you to progress to a Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Construction Management or to a Higher-Level Apprenticeship at NWRC. Students could also progress to a relevant university degree course if they attain the necessary UCAS points.

Your Future Career
The course will provide opportunities for you to progress directly into employment at technician level in civil engineering.

You could also potentially work for building contractors as a site engineer or construction manager trainee.



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- Business Analyst
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MEET
CIAN

Hi! My name is **Cian Fleming** and I'm in my first year of study of the **Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business** 🤖

I previously attended St Brigid's College and came to NWRC after doing one year of AS Levels.



FUN FACT: Cian is a committed Manchester United fan 🏆. He enjoys Art, and when he's not in College he likes to go out with friends.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Why did you decide to study Business at NWRC?

I chose this course because I have always been interested in the idea of one day running my own business and the Level 3 course has a mix of key business-related topics. After finishing this programme I hope to continue my studies by staying on to complete the Foundation Degree.

How does College life differ from school?

I got a lot of support at NWRC and I prefer life at college more than school because you have a lot more freedom and are treated like an adult.

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Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate Workskills Programme

Course Code
603/7631/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
 

Course Overview
The Work Skills programme offers students a chance to explore different career options and be interview ready for your chosen option. During a required information session you will receive advice and guidance on the programme and complete a short assessment of your literacy and numeracy skills - this is to make sure that the programme will suit your individual needs.

Our programmes provide opportunities to gain skills to help you progress into employment or on to further studies at the College. This qualification focuses on developing personal life skills, employability skills, essential skills in both Literacy and Numeracy, completion of an enterprise activity (Enterprise skills), plus specialised skills for business enterprise and hospitality crafts (subject to change).

- Core Modules**
- Developing Job Application Skills
 - Building Working Relationships with Customers
 - Using a CV and Covering Letter to Apply For a Job
 - Career Progression
 - Understanding Employment Responsibilities and Rights
 - Planning and Running Enterprise Activity
 - Essential Skills Literacy
 - Essential Skills Numeracy

Entry Requirements
No formal qualifications.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessment for Workskills units is through assignments and project research. Essential Skills Literacy and Numeracy at Level 1 and 2 are assessed through examination.

Entry level Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy are assessed through portfolio and a desktop task.

Further Study
You will work with your tutor to develop a career plan to help you decide what to do next.

Your Future Career
There may be opportunities for progression to Level 1 or 2 courses at NWRC depending on entry criteria or students may progress to entry level employment.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma Business with Extended Certificate in IT

Course Code
601/7161/3 (Diploma Business)
601/7575/8 (Ext Certificate IT)

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
  

Course Overview
BTEC National qualifications are widely recognised by industry and higher education as the principal vocational qualifications at level 3. Equivalent to 3 A Levels, this course combines both Business and IT allowing you to progress to further study in both subject areas.

The course will provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary if you wish to pursue a career in either IT or Business. It is designed to meet the needs of employers and allow progression to higher study e.g. Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise (Validated by Ulster University) at NWRC or Foundation Degree in Computing (Validated by Ulster University).

- Exploring Business**
- Exploring Business
 - Developing a Marketing Campaign
 - Personal and Business Finance
 - Managing an Event
 - International Business
 - Principles of Management
 - Information Technology Systems
 - Creating Systems to Manage Information
 - Using Social Media in Business

- Optional Modules**
- Recruitment and Selection
 - Website Development
 - Investigating Customer Service

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSE's (Grade C or above) to include English or equivalent OR Level 2 Diploma in IT or Business with English GCSE Grade C or equivalent.

ROI: 4 OLC's (Grade O5 or above) to include English or equivalent OR Level 2 Diploma in IT or Business with English OLC Grade O5 or equivalent.

Assessment
60% Coursework; 40% Exam. Assessment includes assignments and externally set examinations/case studies practical timed exam.

Further Study
After completing the Level 3 qualification you may progress on to a number of higher level study options within the College, including:

- Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise
- Foundation Degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management
- Foundation Degree in Computing
- Foundation Degree in Cyber Security
- Foundation Degree /Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA) in Fintech (Financial Technologies);
- BSc Hons Business with Specialisms at Ulster University and
- Business related Degree programmes at other UK universities

NB: Any student wishing to progress to a Level 6 Degree will require GCSE in Mathematics

Your Future Career
Successful completion of this course will enable you to apply for entry level employment in the fields of Business, Management or Information Technology.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma / Extended Diploma Business

Course Code
601/7161/3 (Foundation Diploma)
600/7160/1 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

If you have a keen interest in exploring real business practices, then this course is perfect for you. You will learn by completing projects, assignments based on realistic workplace situations and externally set and marked exams.

The Foundation Diploma is a one year programme which would suit learners wishing to top-up existing qualifications for entry to Higher Education. The course carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant business Foundation Degrees and HNDs.

The Extended Diploma is a two year, full-time course that meets entry requirements for learners who want to progress to higher education courses in business areas before entering employment. It can also support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in business or business management and the Higher-Level Apprenticeships in Business, or Accounting.

Core Modules

- Exploring Business
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Managing and Event
- Principles of Management
- Business Decision Making
- International Business

Optional Modules

- Financial statements for Specific Businesses
- Recruitment and Selection

- Digital Marketing
- Pitching for a New Business
- Investigating Customer Service
- Employment Law

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including English or equivalent. If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy, you will be expected to complete Essential Skills Numeracy during this course.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including English or equivalent or Leaving Cert Applied - Merit. If you do not hold an OLC Grade O5 or above or equivalent in Maths, you will be expected to complete Essential Skills Numeracy during this course.

Assessment

60% Coursework; 40% Exam. Assessment includes assignments and externally set examinations and case studies.

Further Study

Successful completion of the Extended Diploma will enable you to apply for higher education courses with us, such as the Foundation Degree in Business and Enterprise or Degree courses in Business, or related subjects at university.

Your Future Career

Successfully completing this course will enable you to apply for entry level employment in Finance, Human Resource Management, Marketing or Business Management



Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Business and Enterprise

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
2.5 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Exam fee may apply

Awarding Body
Ulster University

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This innovative course, based on industry needs, will give you the opportunity to develop business enterprise knowledge and business skills and an employment experience.

A key feature of this course is the work based learning which provides the opportunity to work in a company on a 'live' project. Students find this aspect of the course particularly interesting and very useful.

Knowledge and skills will be gained through activities and application to 'real world' business issues and opportunities. Practical aspects of people management, marketing and finance will feature strongly.

Core Modules

- Principles of Marketing
- Principles of Economics
- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Principles of Management
- Foundations of Entrepreneurship
- Professional Skills
- Marketing Management
- Work-Based Learning
- Academic and Career Enhancement Skills
- High Performance Work Enterprises
- Accounts and Ethics for Business Managers

Entry Requirements

UK: 64 UCAS Tariff points + GCSE Maths Grade C or equivalent (eg Essential Skills Level 2 Numeracy) AND GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (eg Essential Skills Level 2 Communication). Access - 50% (which includes Level 2 in Communications and Mathematics);

ROI: 64 UCAS Tariff points equivalent + OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English and Maths. Access - 50% (which includes Level 2 in Communications and Mathematics); -----

Applicants who do not meet the formal entry requirements may be eligible to apply through APEL. For more details see page 36.

Assessment

70% Coursework; 30% Exam. Assessment methods include examinations, assignments, group work and reflective evaluations.

Work Placement

Work placement takes place in the second year of the course, 2 - 3 days per week over 24 weeks.

Further Study

Foundation Degree is an degree in its own right but also provides the opportunity to progress to the final year of the Honours Business degree at Magee (after successful completion of a summer bridging module subject to entry criteria).

Students who choose this option would complete a BSc Hons Business Degree in three years full-time study (e.g. two years at NWRC, plus one year at Magee).

Your Future Career

Progression opportunities include careers in:

- Marketing
- Finance
- Business Development
- Human Resources



CMI Level 7 Certificate Strategic Management and Leadership Practice*

Course Code
603/4834/3

Campus
Online

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

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Course Overview
Delivered online and designed for individuals desiring to develop strategic management and leadership practices who will have the knowledge, skills and behaviours to drive business activities in a senior, regional, specialist, director or CEO management and leadership role. This qualification will give managers the expertise and significantly improve their ability to implement fundamental management and leadership models within an organisation's strategic framework. The course contains a range of units that reflect the tasks and activities required by managers in roles such as senior/ regional management, and specialist managers accountable to a senior manager or business owner.

An extensive course that will give you a wider range of skills and competencies to become a competent manager and deliver effective results for your organisation.

Studying for a CMI qualification offers you more than just academic standing. When you enrol on the course at NWRC you will have access to CMI Membership and Support for the duration of your study alongside your qualification.

- Optional Modules**
- Developing Organisational Strategy
 - Personal and Professional Development for Strategic Leaders

Entry Requirements
Designed for practicing or aspiring senior managers, regional managers, specialist managers, or directors. You don't require any formal qualifications.

- However, to be eligible you must:
- Be 19 years of age and over
 - Have management experience in the junior, middle or senior level
 - Possess the ability to complete the Level 7 course
 - Provide a CV and successfully complete an Interview

Assessment
100% Coursework. For each module you study, you will complete a written assignment of 3,500 to 4,500 words. This will be submitted to CMI directly and assessed by a CMI-approved tutor. Learners must complete any combination of units to a minimum of 140 TQT hours, 14 credits to achieve this qualification.

Further Study
Use this course to progress onto higher levels of study, including MBAs with universities in the UK.

- Your Future Career**
- This course will improve your leadership and strategic management skills and develop your ability to apply them at a strategic level within your organisation
 - Apply the tools, models and theories directly to real-life work-based problems and see the benefits in your organisation
 - Demonstrate to current and prospective employers your capabilities, ambition and commitment to professional development
 - Significantly improve your career prospects and earning power.



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- › Radiography Assistant
- › Paramedic
- › Midwife
- › Carer
- › Social Worker
- › Paediatric Nurse
- › Dental nurse
- ...plus many more!



Hi! My name is **Elaine Mythen** 🌟
I studied the **Access Course in Health and Welfare** at Strabane campus

I'm now completing a BSc Hons in Paramedic Science at Ulster University, Magee Campus.



FUN FACT: Elaine was interviewed on UTV following the announcement of the Derry and Strabane City Deal talking about education opportunities at Strabane Campus.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Why did you decide to study an Access course with NWRC?

I wanted better employment opportunities and the Access in Health and Welfare course gave me the pathway towards the career I've always dreamed of – being a Paramedic.

What was it like returning to education as a mature student?

It was quite daunting returning to college but I found Claire, Angela and all the staff at Strabane campus really helpful and friendly. They made the experience very enjoyable.

I was very lucky to be in a great class too, everyone helped each other. We still meet regularly for dinner and drinks. I've made friends for life here 🍷💖

MEET ELAINE



OCN NI Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate / Diploma Transition

Course Code
601/3888/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview
This course is designed for those with mild to moderate learning disabilities, and provides a wide range of learning opportunities to help with employment or progression onto further courses. Classes are small with a high lecturer to student ratio, as well as classroom support staff. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to improve educational qualifications and improve future work opportunities. For some students, this means working on areas such as self-esteem, social anxiety and self-confidence. We incorporate health and wellbeing throughout the course.

After two years, students will receive OCN Level 1 / 2 certificates in Vocational Skills and Employability Skills.

Students can take an optional project-based learning module -This involves using the students ideas to create new products and run small enterprises. This exciting and innovative way of learning provides opportunities for team working, leadership and development of communication skills.

All applicants will be interviewed, and parents, and relevant professionals may attend. Arrangements for meeting individual support needs will be discussed to ensure that students have every opportunity to succeed.

Core Modules

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Business Retail

- Vocational Skills
- Employability Skills
- Personal, Social, & Health Education
- Information Technology
- Retail

Optional Modules

- Healthy Living
- Joinery
- Art
- Drama
- Project Based Learning
- Alcohol Awareness
- Catering
- Life Skills and First Aid

Entry Requirements
Meeting with course team.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Includes written assignments and creating products e.g. Bird table in joinery.

Work Placement
We offer a 4-week Mencap 'Job Club', giving students the opportunity to discuss previous work experience, work interests with Mencap staff and prepare for work placement.

Work placement will be arranged and supervised by Mencap staff for one day a week.

Further Study
Previous students have progressed to a range of courses within our College, employment and external training.

Your Future Career
Previous students have obtained employment opportunities in retail and hospitality.



Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma First Diploma Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/0170/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Materials: £10

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview
This qualification is equivalent to GCSEs and is designed as an introduction to the health and social care sector exposing learners to the in depth knowledge of how to be a proficient practitioner within the working environment.

External visits and visiting speakers will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge about this sector. Additional education in the area of visual awareness and sensory loss will be provided.

Successful completion at the appropriate level enables students to apply for progression onto the Level 3 pathways such as Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care/Health Studies/Health Sciences.

Students who have successfully completed this qualification may be able to progress to Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care.

Core Modules

- Human Lifespan Development
- Health and Social Care Values
- Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
- Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care
- Individual Rights in Health and Social Care
- Healthy Living
- Carrying out a Research Project in Health and Social Care

Optional Modules

- The Impact of Nutrition on Health and Wellbeing
- Promoting Health and Wellbeing
- An Introduction to Basic First Aid
- Infection Control in Health and Social Care
- Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care
- Skills and Qualities for Working in the Health and Social Care Sector

Entry Requirements
No formal entry requirements.

Assessment
88% Coursework, 12% Exam. External examination short answer questions for two units (Healthy Living and Lifespan Units) are completed in January.

The remaining units are assessed internally as coursework units.

Further Study
Students who have successfully completed this qualification may be able to progress to Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care.

Your Future Career
You may be able to progress to Traineeship at Level 2 which will help you experience real work situations in Health and Social Care.



Pearson BTEC Level 2 Traineeship Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/0170/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20-£40
Materials: £10

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
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Progression
 



Course Overview

This course is equivalent to GCSEs and is designed as an introduction to the health and social care sector.

In addition to the core qualification, students will undertake transversal skills and project based learning enhancing their employability and holistic learning.

External visits and visiting speakers will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge about this sector. Additional education in the area of visual awareness and sensory loss will be provided.

Successful completion at the appropriate level enables students to apply for progression onto Level 3 pathways such as Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care/Health Studies/Health Sciences.

This pathway also supports progression to the Level 3 Apprenticeship NI course.

- Core Modules**
- Human Lifespan Development
 - Health and Social Care Values
 - Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
 - Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care
 - Individual Rights in Health and Social Care
 - Healthy Living
 - Carrying out a Research Project in Health and Social Care

- Optional Modules**
- Creative and Therapeutic Activities in Health and Social Care
 - Skills and Qualities for Working in the Health and Social Care Sector
 - The Impact of Nutrition on Health and Wellbeing
 - Promoting Health and Wellbeing
 - An Introduction to Basic First Aid
 - Infection Control in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade D and English Grade D. Students who do not hold Level 2 qualifications in Literacy and Numeracy will be required to complete these during this course.

Students who do not hold Grade D in English and Maths can apply to complete the Full Time Level 1 First Diploma in Health and Social Care.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5-O8 or above to include Maths and English Grade O5 or above. Students who do not hold Level 2 qualifications in Literacy and Numeracy will be required to complete these during this course.

Students who do not hold Grade O5 in English and Maths can apply to complete the Full Time Level 1 First Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Assessment

88% Coursework, 12% Exam.

External examination short answer questions for two units (Healthy Living and Lifespan Units) are completed in January. The remaining units are assessed internally as coursework.

Work Placement

Work placement is an essential component of this course. Enrolment on this course is subject to checks, including a satisfactory Access NI check. As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is necessary as part of the overall risk assessment process. Students must be deemed fit for placement.

Further Study

Students who have successfully complete this qualification with the required grade can progress to Level 3 Health and Social Care pathways.

Your Future Career

Past students who have not continued their studies at further education have gained employment in the health and social care sector, working as care assistants, domiciliary carers, or support workers.





City & Guilds Level 3 Apprenticeship Dental Nursing

Course Code
603/7221/7

Campus
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
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Course Overview

This course is aimed at those already employed or about to be employed as a dental nurse, and who wish to develop their knowledge to enable progression within their chosen area of work or in a specialist area. The qualification focuses on the technical skills and knowledge required of a professional dental nurse.

Units of study include direct chairside work and support during a range of dental treatments, organisational and legal requirements which underpin high quality dental care, and the role of the dental nurse in meeting patients' needs.

Students will complete the City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma and the Level 2 award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities as part of the full course in a weekly 6 hour class and will also receive one to one support from an assessor.

Core Modules

- The impact of health and safety legislation on working practices in the dental setting
- Recognising and supporting actions during first aid and medical emergencies
- The safe use of ionising radiation to produce quality radiographic image
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- Preparing for Professional Practice in Dental Nursing
- Provide information and support to individuals on the protection of their oral health

- Assessment of oral health and planning
- Dental Radiography
- Management of oral health diseases and dental procedures
- First Aid Essentials
- Reducing the risk to health and safety in the dental setting
- The role and responsibilities of a dental nurse
- Prepare and maintain environments, instruments, and equipment for clinical dental procedures
- Principles of infection control in the dental environment
- Provide chairside support for the assessment of patients oral health
- Contribute to the production of dental images
- Provide chairside support for the prevention and control of periodontal disease and caries and the restoration of cavities
- Provide chairside support for the provision of fixed and removable prostheses
- Provide chairside support for non-surgical endodontic treatment
- Provide chairside support for the extraction of teeth and minor oral surgery

Entry Requirements

Apprenticeships NI Level 3 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland-based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week. They will attend one full day of directed training in College.

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent), this will be a mandatory element of the course. Interview with course team to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully. Interview with course team to demonstrate the potential to gain the qualification successfully.

Assessment

90% Coursework, 10% Exam. Students will be assessed in the workplace and will build a portfolio of evidence of observed practice. They must also successfully complete a synoptic multiple choice test covering all eleven units.

Work Placement

Apprentices must be employed or about to take up employment.

Further Study

On completion of this qualification learners may pursue on-going professional development or higher education.

Your Future Career

On completion of this qualification learners may progress to employment as a Dental Nurse registered with the GDC. Opportunities may include:

- Specialist dental nursing roles
- Dental hygiene or therapy
- Dental technology
- Dental decontamination
- Teaching or mentoring
- Practice management in a dental setting





OCN NI Level 3 Apprenticeship Health and Social Care

Course Code
603/6716/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
(OCN NI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
 



Course Overview
Students initially complete the Level 3 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care and continue to the Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care.

These work based qualifications allow students to work and study using their work role to support completion of the qualification. The course supports development of the knowledge and skills fundamental to the many diverse work roles within the Health and Social Care sector and is universally recognised by employers.

Students will attend the College one day per week for a 3 hour class and will also receive the one to one support of an assessor to build their portfolio of evidence. Optional units are chosen from a wide range to support the student's role within the work place.

- Core Modules**
- Communication and Information Sharing (Theme 1)
 - Health and Wellbeing (Theme 2)
 - Principles and Values (Theme 3)
 - Continuing Professional Development in the context of Health and Social Care (Theme 4)

- Optional Modules**
Examples of optional units include:
- Infection Prevention and Control
 - Dementia Care
 - Providing Personal Care
 - Supporting Leisure Activities
 - Moving and Handling.

Entry Requirements
Level 2 Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care AND must be employed for a minimum of 21 hours per week with a relevant employer in Northern Ireland (Health and Social Care).

If students do not have Level 2 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) this will be a mandatory element of the course.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The qualification is formed of mandatory and optional units. The mandatory units cover core competencies that have been categorised around four key themes.

The optional units allow learners to choose from a wide variety of areas to tailor the qualification to their needs and interests, and to reflect the context of their work.

Work Placement
As part of paid employment.

Further Study
The successful completion of this course can lead to entry to the Level 4 Certificate in Principles of Leadership and Management in Adult Social Care.

Your Future Career
Successful students have been able to progress to team leader roles within a wide range of settings.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Health Studies (Health Science Pathway)

Course Code
601/7198/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression



Course Overview

This is an exciting refresh to our long-standing Health Science qualification with updates in all subject areas for currency of knowledge and practice. It is an alternative to A-Levels that will prepare you for employment and university in areas such as nursing and allied health professions.

This qualification has been designed to be the only qualification in a two-year, full-time study programme; it is an in-depth study of 13 health study units to support progression to health and social care related degrees.

Students must also complete mandatory work placements in a range of care and health settings.

Core Modules

- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
- Work Experience in Health and Social Care
- Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Human Lifespan and Development
- Promoting Public Health

Optional Modules

Modules of study will be health, caring and science based units.

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care – Merit or above and GCSE (Grade C or above) in either English or Maths; OR A minimum of 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) is required for entry to the course including one of the following: English, Maths or Science.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care – Merit or above and OLC (Grade O5 or above) in either English or Maths; OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) - including one of the following English, Maths or Science OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment

70% Coursework, 30% Exam.
This new and exciting course is assessed through a combination of exam and coursework.

Work Placement

100 hours of work placement is a compulsory element of this course and is highly valued by students.

A mandatory requirement is that our students are deemed fit for placement. Each student must have Access NI Clearance and be deemed 'placement ready' by the College and Course Team.

Placements have been carried out in hospital settings, residential and nursing homes, community day care facilities, schools, veterinary clinics and other community settings as arranged by NWRC.

Further Study

This programme leads to Degree level of study across a range of subject areas including:

- Nursing (All branches - Mental Health, Learning Disability, Children's and Adult)
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Therapeutic Radiotherapy
- Paramedics

It can also lead to STEM programmes in Biomedical Science, Forensic Science/Criminology, Pharmaceutical Science, Food Technology, Nutrition and Veterinary Nursing.

Former students have also entered primary and secondary teaching programmes.

Your Future Career

Many students, via valued work placement, have gained employment in the health sector.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma /
Extended Diploma / Advanced Vocational Technical Award (AVTA)
Health and Social Care

Course Code
601/7199/6 (Foundation Diploma)
601/7198/4 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview
This course is aimed at learners who are interested in developing skills, knowledge and understanding for working in the field of Health and Social Care. Learners can exit at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care or progress onto Year 2, to achieve the full National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

Learners can expect to develop strong interpersonal and communication skills and develop knowledge of roles and responsibilities, of professionals working in the sector.

Learners will study 13 units over two years that will help provide a strong foundation in care. Key themes such as safeguarding, health and safety and compassionate care values will be explored.

- Core Modules**
- Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care
 - Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs
 - Work Experience in Health and Social Care
 - Principles of Safe Practice in Health and Social Care
 - Promoting Public Health
 - Physiological Disorders and their Care
 - Policy in Health and Social Care

- Caring for Individuals with Dementia
- Understanding Mental Wellbeing
- Supporting Individuals with Additional Needs
- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care

- Optional Modules**
- Additional Needs
 - Physiological Disorders
 - Dementia
 - Understanding Mental Wellbeing
 - Policy in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English; or Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit or above + GCSE English (Grade C or above), or Equivalent.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; or Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit or above + OLC English (Grade O5 or above), or equivalent.

Learners applying to the course without a pass qualification in Maths / Numeracy or ICT will be required to attend Essential Skills classes as part of the course.

Assessment
70% Coursework, 30% Exam.
Units are internally and externally assessed by coursework and exams. Students will sit two exams in both Year 1 and Year 2.

Work Placement
Learners will undertake 100 hours of work experience and will be able to observe the roles of health and social care workers in practice; and use their experience to link theory into practice.

Previous students have gained work experience in day centres, care homes, residential care homes, special needs schools, mental health settings, and learning disability facilities.

Further Study
Progression to the Foundation Degree Science in Health and Social Care (validated by Ulster University); and/or University degrees in Nursing, Social Work, Teaching, Psychology, Criminology, or Youth and Community work, Housing etc.

Your Future Career
Past students who have not continued their studies at higher education, have gained employment in the health and social care sector, working as care assistants, domiciliary carers, or support workers.





Open University Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education Healthcare Practice

Course Code N/A

Campus Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study 2 Years

Additional Fees Uniform: £30 approx Materials: £10 approx

Awarding Body Open University

Course Contact Karen Roarty 028 7127 6481 karen.roarty@nwrwc.ac.uk

Non-term time Admissions Office (028) 7127 6000

Progression



Course Overview

This is a new, innovative and challenging programme for those wishing to progress on to degrees in Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Paramedic Science, or those wishing to work in the health and care sector.

You will study practical modules that are very relevant to working in healthcare, and complete a substantial placement of 770 hours (24hrs / week) where you will gain relevant skills, knowledge and experience for working in a modern healthcare environment.

Some of the topics you will cover during the course include:

- Person-centred care
- Communication
- Infection Control
- Medicines Management
- Acute and Emergency Care
- Mobility
- Hygiene, skin integrity and wound care

Core Modules

- Introduction to Healthcare Practice
- Introduction to Health and Social Care
- Work Placement in Health and Social Care

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points or equivalent, plus English GCSE Grade C or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2) and Math GCSE Grade C or equivalent.

ROI: 48 UCAS points or above. Students must also have English at Grade O5 and above;

Please Note:

Whilst ILC O5/D1 is acceptable for English and Math at Leaving Cert [Ordinary level] for entry to this Level 4 programme, students must be made aware that they should check the criteria for progression to their universities of choice as university entry requirements vary.

Math OLC Grade O5 or above although not essential on entry, must be completed in addition to course studies.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may also be considered for applicants who do not meet the criteria outlined above, but have evidence of substantial knowledge or relevant industrial experience and skills, are also eligible to apply. See page 36 for details.

Attendance at information session and interview is required. AccessNI check required for all successful applicants.

Assessment
90% Coursework, 10% Exam.

The Level 4 is assessed using a range of assessment methods including assignments, presentations, portfolios, class tests, reports and in-practice assessment.

Work Placement

All students will complete a mandatory 770hrs (average 24hrs/ week) practice placement within the Western Health and Social Care Trust, in addition to attending College for one full day each week.

Further Study

Students can progress directly from this course onto several degree pathways including Nursing (Adult, Mental Health, Learning Disability), Midwifery, Paramedic Science and Occupational Therapy.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the applicant to check the entry requirements for each university and to ensure that GCSE entry requirements for university are met before enrolling on a course at the College.

Your Future Career

Following successful completion of the Level 4 programme, students can progress to degree-level study in the area of health and care or employment in the healthcare sector.

The opportunity also exists to continue your Nursing degree with the Open University if specific employment is secured within the WHSCT and the Trust agrees to release you to undertake this study.

Completing this course is not a guarantee of employment with the Trust and securing employment with the Trust is not a guarantee that you will be released for further study.





Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Healthcare Practice

Course Code
603/2293/7

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
 



Course Overview
Developed with input from employers, educators, students and service users, this exciting course offers an innovative and contemporary approach to study. The qualification focuses on the core knowledge, skills, values and behaviours required of practitioners in the sector.

Students will require appropriate dress/uniform for work in the health and social care setting and be deemed 'placement ready' by the College. Each student must have Access NI Clearance.

Core Modules

- Law, Policy and Ethical Practice in Health and Social Care
- Demonstrating Professional Principles and Values in Health and Social
- Supporting the Individual Journey through Integrated Health and Social
- Sociological and Psychological Perspectives on Health
- Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Ill-Health
- Effective Reporting and Record-keeping in Health and Social Care
- Fundamentals of Evidence-based Practice

Entry Requirements
UK: 64 UCAS points or equivalent plus 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above to include English GCSE and Maths GCSE or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2) OR Extended Diploma – MPP profile plus 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above to include English GCSE and Maths GCSE or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2); OR Access - 45%.

ROI: 64 UCAS points or above plus 5 OLCs to include English and Maths at Grade O5 and above (equivalent to pass in GCSE); OR Extended Diploma – MPP profile plus 5 OLCs at Grade O5 or above to include English OLC and Maths OLC or equivalent (Essential Skills Level 2); OR Access - 45%.

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst ILC O5/D1 is acceptable for English Leaving Cert (Ordinary Level) for entry to HNC, students must be made aware that they should check the criteria for progression to their universities of choice as university entry requirements vary.

Information Session and Access NI Check and interview required.

Assessment
100% coursework which will include work placement, presentations, assignments, portfolios, class tests and reports.

Work Placement
225 hours mandatory work placement.

Further Study
This course seeks to facilitate entry to university to study degrees such as Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Paramedic Science and other health related degrees.

Your Future Career
Successful completion of the HNC programme can lead to employment within the healthcare sector.



Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Housing Practice*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Open University (OU)

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Non-term time
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Progression
 



*Subject to validation

We also offer an
Apprenticeship
in this subject area

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Course Overview
This new and innovative Foundation Degree in Housing Practice has been co-designed with Housing employers from across Northern Ireland to ensure that the programme delivered is economically relevant, demand led and responsive to local industry needs. Graduates of the Foundation Degree will be equipped with the appropriate knowledge and professional skills required in Housing.

The programme will help enable Housing graduates to progress into professional roles (including leadership positions) to make a meaningful contribution to the local and regional economy.

Students must successfully complete Year 1 to enter into Year 2 of the programme.

Core Modules

- CIH Level 4 Certificate in Housing
- The Effective Learner and Reflective Practitioner
- Work-Based Learning (WBL)
- Effective Communication
- Sustainable Cities and Society
- Partnership Working for Housing Developments and Rental Markets
- Health and Housing
- Housing Management

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS Tariff points or above, plus GCSE Mathematics and English Language at Grade C or above or equivalent. Entry can also be made from National Certificate/Diploma, HE Access, NVQs or by the College's policy relating to APL/APEL (see page 36 for details).

ROI: 48 UCAS Tariff points or above, plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in Maths and English. Entry can also be made from National Certificate/ Diploma, HE Access, NVQs or by the College's policy relating to APL/APEL (see page 36 for details).

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessment methods will include reports, portfolios, assignments, presentations, and class tests.

Work Placement
Students will be required to undertake a work placement in Year 2 of the programme (minimum 240 hours).

Further Study
It is anticipated that a Degree in Housing Practice will be developed later and delivered in Northern Ireland (a 1-year top-up potential via Foundation Degree), that will provide further opportunities for those working in the Housing sector.

Please note that this is subject to approval.

Your Future Career
The programme will help enable Housing graduates to progress into professional roles (including leadership positions) within the Housing sector.



Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree Science (FdSc) Health and Social Care

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Books: £50-£100

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

This is an innovative and contemporary course from Ulster University which will be attractive to both students and employers in the Health and Social Care sector.

The aim of this course is to address the needs of the local market by preparing graduates to gain the range of knowledge, skills, attitudes and values required to meet the current and future evolving needs of Health and Social Care services in Northern Ireland.

You will study a variety of modules relevant to the health and social care setting. Furthermore, students will complete 240 hours of Work Based Learning (work placement) which will also be assessed.

- Core Modules**
- Anatomy and Physiology for Health and Social Care
 - Effective Communication in Health and Social Care
 - Evidence Based Practice
 - Innovative Practices to Support Health and Wellbeing
 - Introduction to Public Health
 - Professional Conduct and Ethical Practice
 - Psychology
 - Safeguarding and Managing Risk
 - Social Theories and Concepts
 - The Effective Learner
 - Work Based Learning

- Entry Requirements**
- (a) Satisfy the University's general entry requirements; AND
- (b) Have attained Grade A, B or C at GCSE in 5 subjects (to include GSCE English) or an equivalent standard in an approved qualification; AND
- (c) Provide evidence of competence in numeracy (GCSE Grade C or above or equivalent – this requirement may be met within (b) and can be met with Level 2 Essential Skills Application of number;
- (d) Hold a BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or a related Level 3 subject area, or 1 GCE A Level pass or equivalent (with a minimum of 48 UCAS points);
- OR as an alternative to (a), (b), (c) and (d):**

- (e) Provide evidence of their ability to undertake the programme through the accreditation of prior experiential learning (APEL) - see page 36.
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- All applicants must also satisfy Enhanced Disclosure from Access NI. Applicants will be invited for mandatory information session and interview.

- Assessment**
- 90% Coursework, 10% Exam.
- Assessment is varied and includes:
- Individual / Group Presentations
 - Essays
 - Research Reports
 - Exams

Work Placement

In addition, all students must complete 240 hours of Work Based Learning (placement) which will also be assessed.

Further Study

Students can progress onto degree pathways.

Progression pathways on to Year 2 or Year 3 of some Degrees exist, for example BSc Health and Wellbeing and BSc Applied Health Studies. Students also consider professional degrees in Health and Social Care, such as Nursing or Social Work.

Your Future Career

As the Foundation Degree incorporates Work Based Learning (240 hours), students will also progress onto a range of Health and Social Care jobs.

The course combines both academic studies and Work-Based Learning.



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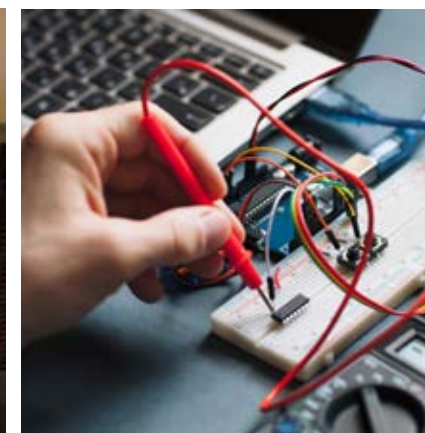
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Apprenticeships**
in this subject area

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Career Paths

- › Software Developer
- › Web Developer
- › Cybersecurity Officer
- › Games Designer / Developer
- › Graphic Designer
- › Networking Engineer
- › Computer Analyst
- › IT Support

...plus many more!





Hi! My name is **Jordan McElwee**. I previously studied ICT, 3D Design and English Literature at A-Level at Limavady High School.

I used to work in a Chinese take-away before swapping my chopsticks for computer chips and pursuing a **HLA in Software Development** 🤖



FUN FACT: Jordan loves solo travel, exploring cities like Krakow, New York, and Barcelona. He believes it gives him the chance to fully immerse himself in different cultures, broaden his perspective, and gain a sense of independence and peace of mind.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What attracted you to a Higher Level Apprenticeship?

The HLA aligned perfectly with my strengths and interests. I enjoy problem-solving, understanding how things work, and the creative process involved in building something from scratch. The Apprenticeship programme had a stand out benefit - it allowed me to earn a wage while I learning, gain valuable work experience, and build connections with local companies. Plus, NO TUITION FEES! 🤖🤖🤖

I'm currently working full-time as an Application Support Engineer at Fujitsu Services in Derry / Londonderry. I started there as a Higher Level Apprentice and transitioned into a permanent role after completing my apprenticeship.

**MEET
JORDAN**

Join the conversation at nwrc.ac.uk





OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Information Technology

Course Code
610/3860/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI
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Progression
£ Ⓢ



Course Overview
The Level 2 Traineeship will enable you to achieve a qualification which is equal to 4 GCSEs.

The practical nature of the course will introduce you to the computer industry and gives you an insight into a range of available careers. It gives you an insight into the IT industry with a view to further study or employment.

The vocational elements of the course are assessed with coursework covering a broad range of IT skills, which includes: Graphic Design, Website Development, 2D Games Development., IT Application Creation. The Traineeship will contain OCN NI Transversal Skills at Level 2 in Essential Skills Numeracy and Literacy.

Core Modules

- Unit 1: IT Essentials
- Unit 2: IT Systems
- Unit 3: IT Applications
- Unit 4: Practical IT Project
- Unit 9: 2D Games Development
- Unit 10: Website Development
- Unit 12: Graphic Design
- Essential Skills - Literacy
- Essential Skills - Numeracy
- T (Transversal) Skills

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O5.

Assessment
100% Coursework. All students will work towards their Vocational Qualification (Coursework), T Skills (Coursework) and Essential Skills in Literacy / Numeracy.

Opportunity will also be given to work towards GCSE Maths / English.

Work Placement
60 hours of placement or simulated placement to be carried out over the year either as blocks or a small number of hours per week.

Further Study
The qualification will allow you to choose your progression route from a wide range of Level 3 Diploma courses at NWRC depending on the results obtained from the Vocational Qualification, Essential Skills Qualifications and T Skills qualifications.

Your Future Career
The qualification can be the first steps towards a career in as a Web Designer, A Software Developer, a Systems Administrator, a Graphic Designer or a career within Information Technology.



*National Student Survey (NSS), 2024



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate / Diploma Esports with Extended Certificate in Information Technology

Course Code
601/7575/8 (Extended Certificate)
603/5424/0 (Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
 



Course Overview
Esports is defined as organised competitive gaming, which is human versus human, either as individuals or in teams. The Esports industry is a fast-growing global industry. In February 2019, Newzoo published its 2019 Global Esports Market Report. This stated that, in 2018, the global Esports market was valued at U.S. \$655 million. This rose to nearly U.S. \$865 million in 2019 and was projected to reach U.S. \$1.79 billion in 2022.

This suite of qualifications has been developed to meet this upcoming demand for skills in Esports. The qualifications include a breadth of transferable skills that enable learners to experience different areas of Esports to aid their progression to employment, either directly or via further study.

Esports offers a unique opportunity to study a sector that crosses over multiple subject areas such as sport, marketing, enterprise, IT and the creative industry. It provides an opportunity for alignment of social, physical, mental and financial skills into one qualification to deepen and expand learning. These are skills that are highly valued in the changing and fluid workplace.

The course will enter at least one team into the British Esports Championships, a national esports competition for schools and colleges. Online fixtures take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

Other opportunities for students include:

- Entry of teams into other local / national / international competitions/tournaments
- Organisation and hosting of own tournaments, competitions and events

- Core Modules**
- Esports Skills, Strategies and Analysis
 - Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in the Esports Industry
 - Live-streamed Broadcasting
 - Video Production
 - Intro to Esports
 - Computer Networking
 - Social Media in Esports
 - Health, Wellbeing and Fitness for Esports Players
 - Information Technology Systems
 - Creating Systems to Manage Information
 - Using Social Media in Business
 - Website Development
 - Esports Events

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment
15% Coursework; 85% Exam.

The majority of the course is Internally assessed coursework, proving competence across all of the practical elements of Esports and Information Technology. The Extended Cert in IT involves 2 exam based units and 2 Coursework assessed units.

Further Study
As this course covers IT and Esports, progression opportunities onto local Foundation Degree and Degree programmes in both disciplines are possible via NWRC, Ulster University and Queen's University Belfast.

Universities and Colleges offering Esports degrees in the UK include Nottingham Trent, Staffordshire University, the University of Roehampton and the University of Chichester.

For more information visit:
britishesports.org

Your Future Career
Jobs that are available in these areas include:

- Esports player
- Team coach
- Events organiser
- Social media influencer
- Video production editor
- Data analyst
- Technologist





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Information Technology

Course Code
603/0455/8 (Diploma)
603/0454/6 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
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Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
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Course Overview
This course will provide a broad range of subjects which will prepare you for employment or further / higher study in the areas of general computing.

The course is practical and enjoyable. It will allow you to develop your interest in computing, while achieving a qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels (Extended Diploma), 2 A-Levels (Diploma). It is designed to meet the needs of employers and offers the opportunity for students to progress on to a Foundation Degree course at NWRC or University.

You will learn by completing projects, coursework and timed assignments.

- Core Modules**
- Data Modelling
 - Web Site Development
 - Mobile App Development
 - Programming
 - Software Testing
 - Information Technology Systems
 - Creating Systems to Manage Information
 - Using Social Media in Business
 - IT Project Management
 - Cyber Security and Incident Management
 - IT Service Delivery
 - Digital Animation and Effects
 - Computer Games Development

Entry Requirements
UK: OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Information Technology and Essential Skill Numeracy and Literacy at Level 2; OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths.

ROI: OCN NI Level 2 Diploma in Information Technology and Essential Skill Numeracy and Literacy at Level 2; OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Attendance at an information session is advised but not mandatory.

Assessment
40% Coursework; 60% Exam.
Four units are externally assessed by Pearson - IT Systems, Creating Systems, Cyber Security and IT Service Delivery.

This is broken down into two exam units and two units which are set tasks – learners take the assessment during a defined window and demonstrate understanding through completion of a vocational task.

All remaining units are coursework assessed, internally.

Students who do not achieve the required modules in the first year to complete the Extended Diploma will be reduced to the Diploma qualification (Equivalent 2 A-Levels).

Your Future Career
This course can enable students to progress to the Foundation Degree in Software Engineering or Foundation Degree in Information Technologies delivered at NWRC, subject to entry requirements being met.

Past successful students have progressed to degree programmes at Ulster University, Queens - Belfast and other computing related Degree programmes.

Your Future Career
With this qualification, potential careers paths include:

- Computer Games Designer
- Computer Hardware Engineer
- Database Administrator
- Interactive Media Designer
- IT Product Developer
- IT Trainer
- Network Manager
- Software Developer / Programmer
- Systems Analyst
- Technical Support Person
- Web Designer / Developer





Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Cyber Security

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Open University (OU)

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Progression
£ 🎓



Course Overview

The course aims to create and prepare future professionals in the area of cyber security, whilst enhancing the learner's technology knowledge and skills.

The course team who will be involved in delivering the programme is committed to cultivating learners to develop their personal and professional technological skills and promote a lifelong learning ethos in the area of cyber security.

The course will provide a broad-based learning environment that prepares graduates, who have successfully achieved the Foundation Degree, to either follow a productive career as professionals in the cyber security industry or to proceed to a higher academic qualification.

- Areas to be studied will include:
- Equip students with a knowledge and understanding of the theory and principles underlying modern cyber security;
 - Compare, analyse and evaluate a range of techniques, theories and methods applied to the development of applications and solutions.

- Core Modules**
- Year One:**
- Networking Fundamentals (20 Credit Points)
 - Programming Essentials (20 Credit Points)
 - Network Data Security (20 Credit Points)
 - Cyber Security Fundamentals (20 Credit Points)
 - Computing Mathematics (20 Credit Points)
 - Ethical Hacking (20 Credit Points)
- Year Two:**
- Mobile Devices and Cloud Security (20 Credit Points)
 - Responsive Incident Management (20 Credit Points)
 - Server Management and Security (20 Credit Points)
 - Cyber Security Implementation (20 Credit Points)
 - Work Based Learning or Project Management (Project Management for International Students Only) (40 Credit Points)

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS Tariff points (APEL applicable), plus GCSE Grade C or above English Language and Mathematics (or equivalent);

ROI: 48 UCAS Tariff points (APEL applicable), plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) to include Maths and English;

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may also apply for entry - For details see page 36.

Assessment

100% Coursework. A variety of assessments including class test and coursework covering a wide range of assessment methods. E.g. Practical Labs, written reports, presentations.

Work Placement

12 week work placement in Year 2 of the Full-Time programme and Year 3 of the Part-Time programme.

Further Study

Depending on grades achieved there is opportunity to progress onto an Open University top-up Degree.

Your Future Career

This Foundation Degree is aimed at individuals who intend to follow either a professional or academic career pathway in the area of Cyber Security, for example:

- Cyber Security Analyst:** Monitor and protect an organization's IT infrastructure from cyber threats.
- Penetration Tester (Ethical Hacker):** Test systems for vulnerabilities by simulating cyber attacks.
- Security Consultant:** Advise organisations on best practices for securing their systems and data.
- Incident Responder:** Handle and mitigate security breaches and cyber incidents.
- Security Engineer:** Design and implement secure network solutions to protect against cyber threats.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Computing

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
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Progression
£ Ⓢ



Course Overview
This course is aimed at those who have an interest in Computing and would like to develop key industry specific skills and knowledge with a desire to pursue a career within the sector. It will give students the ability to study a range of modules with opportunities to explore different specialisms and a chance to consider a wide range of career opportunities within IT and Computing. This course has been developed in close partnership with the Ulster University and a consortium of other colleges in N. Ireland. It will provide students with a thorough understanding of the key concepts required to work within the thriving IT sector or undertake further study at honours degree level in the area of ICT or Computing (Software Development).

- Core Modules**
- Cyber Security
 - Data Analytics
 - Database Design
 - Mathematics for Computing
 - Object-oriented Programming
 - Programming Fundamentals
 - Programming Fundamentals
 - Software Testing
 - UX Design
 - Web Development
 - Work Based Learning

- Optional modules:**
- UX Design
 - Introduction to Virtualisation

Entry Requirements
UK: 64 UCAS points plus GCSE Maths Grade C minimum AND GCSE English Grade C OR Essential Skills Level 2 Communications; OR APEL - see page 36 for details.

ROI: 64 UCAS points plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) to include Maths and English; OR APEL - see page 36.

Work Placement
To enhance career opportunities students will undertake a 400 hour Work-Based Learning module during their final year. Students will be supported to find suitable work placement.

Further Study
Successful completion of the course, depending on overall grade, enables progression to the second year of the BSc (Hons) Computer Science at Ulster University, or similar degrees at other universities, or directly into Computing / IT related employment.

Your Future Career
A pathway to a diverse range of career opportunities, including:

- Junior Developer
- Web Developer
- Mobile App Developer
- Database Administrator
- SQL Developer
- Data Analyst
- Cybersecurity Analyst
- Penetration Tester
- Security Consultant
- Front-End Developer
- Back-End Developer
- Full-Stack Developer
- Software Testing
- QA Analyst
- Test Automation Engineer
- Manual Tester
- Data Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Data Scientist
- UX / UI Designer
- UX Researcher



100%
of students agreed Work Placement was valuable in helping their learning*



Early Years (Childcare)



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Career Paths

- › Playworker
- › Classroom Assistant
- › Youth Worker
- › Primary School Teacher
- › Social Worker
- › Special Needs Teacher
- › Paediatric Nurse
- › Childminder
- ...plus many more!

We also offer
**Higher Level
Apprenticeships**
in this subject area

See page 72
for details



Hi! I'm **Leah Doherty** and I'm 16 years old. I first came to NWRC Strabane through the School Links project with my school Holy Cross College. This allowed me to try out a vocational area while studying for my GCSEs.

I enjoyed Early Years subjects so much that I decided return after my exams to study the **Level 1 Diploma in Caring with Children**.



FUN FACT: Leah is a huge Country music fan particularly Luke Combs 🎸🎵

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What have you enjoyed most about your time at NWRC Strabane?

I have a great friendship group at the College which has made my course even more enjoyable. Recently our class went on a site visit to a local nursery, and we all had fun learning about what we would be doing in the future. It was a great confidence boost for me.

I think it's great that you can come to NWRC and you focus on studying one specific subject.

My course has helped me discover how much I love working with children. In the future I hope to work with children with special needs ❤️





NCFE Level 1 Diploma Caring for Children

Course Code
501/1015/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30-£40

Awarding Body
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- Course Overview**
This qualification is an excellent introduction to a career in Early Years. While learning about topics such as Play, Safeguarding Children and Craft Activities, you will also have the opportunity to develop skills needed in the workplace such as:
- Effective communication skills
 - Creativity and imagination
 - Planning and organisational skills
 - Teamwork and leadership skills
 - The ability to work with children in a sensitive and positive way
- Study in an adult environment that doesn't feel like school. All we ask of you is that you bring determination, a love of the subject, a desire to learn about babies and children and a commitment to your studies with a good work ethic. This is also a great opportunity to prepare for your future as a parent.
- Weekly practical sessions will introduce you to arts and crafts, our early years specialist room and the opportunity to care for our 'Real Care Babies.' Educational outings also form part of our curriculum.
- Core Modules**
- Children's play and leisure activities in the community
 - Confidence building for the young child through play
 - Listening and talking with a young child
 - Respecting and valuing children
 - Sharing learning experiences with children
 - Growth and development of young children
 - Preparing for your next steps
- Practical health and safety when with young children
 - Finding out about forest schools
 - Craft activities for young children
 - Understanding learning and development through play
 - Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
 - Supporting babies to play
- Optional Modules**
Units which reflect current practice.
- Entry Requirements**
No formal entry requirements. Attendance at an information session is required for all applicants.
- Assessment**
100% Coursework. Assessed through the creation of a portfolio of evidence consisting of written coursework, posters, leaflets and practical tasks such as the creation of Story Bags and sensory resources.
- Further Study**
After successful completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 2 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development Traineeship.
- Your Future Career**
Early Years settings all require appropriately qualified practitioners and therefore salary scales depend on your level of qualification.
- It is important that you understand that you will have to work hard to achieve your English, Maths and ICT qualifications as well as Early Years to progress your career for example, as a nursery assistant, pre-school assistant, playgroup assistant, nanny or childcare worker.



96%
of students agree
teaching staff have
supported their
learning*



NCFE Level 2 Traineeship Children's Care, Learning and Development

Course Code

TBC

Campus

Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
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Length of Study

1 Year

Additional Fees

Uniform: £30-£40

Awarding Body

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Progression



Course Overview

This qualification is designed to develop the knowledge, understanding, practical skills and professional values relating to children's care, learning and development.

The course will provide you with the required qualification for working in a supervised role in the early years and childcare sector as a pre-school, nursery or playgroup assistant, classroom assistant or care assistant.

You will work in an Early Years specialist resource room which is fully equipped with play equipment to plan weekly practical activities, explore sensory resources and have opportunities to care for the 'Real Care Babies, as well as outdoor trips and competitions.

Previous years have included working alongside international students and exploration of forest schools.

Skills that you will develop to perform well in the workplace include:

- Excellent communication skills
- The ability to work with children in a sensitive and positive way
- Creativity and imagination while creating monthly displays
- Planning and organisational skills

Core Modules

- Safeguarding children
- Keeping children safe, healthy and well
- Support children's personal care, and nutrition
- Support children's development
- Support children's play, learning and development
- Contribute to care of children with disabilities and/or special needs
- Employability /Personal Development
- Transversal Skills
- Literacy and Numeracy for those who do not have an equivalent of a GCSE Grade C in English/Maths

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G or equivalent to include Maths and English Grade D or above

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Portfolio and competence based assessment in the workplace. Attendance at work placement is a mandatory requirement in order to achieve the qualification.

Students are assessed through written assignments, project based practical projects and tasks as well as workplace assessment. There are no exams to sit.

Work Placement

Work placement is a mandatory component of this course.

Enrolment on this course is subject to checks, including a satisfactory Access NI check. As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Upon completion you may progress onto the Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development.

Your Future Career

Some Trainees move into employment in the Early Years sector, however many of our Level 2 Trainees choose to progress to a higher level course with us before progressing to become Childcare Managers, Teachers and Social Workers.

Students hoping to advance their careers at university must achieve the university admissions criteria.





NCFE Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Children’s Care, Learning and Development

Course Code
501/1024/X

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £30-£40

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Progression



Course Overview
This qualification confers occupational competence for childcare, learning and development in Northern Ireland.

Students will have the option of completing the course in one or two years. The course will prepare you for employment in the field of Early Years and Childcare, as a qualified Early Years/ Foundation Stage classroom assistant and Day Care, Pre-school, Nursery, Crèche or Special Needs Assistant or childminder.

You will have access to our Early Years Specialist Resource Room which is fully equipped with indoor and outdoor play and practical resources. You will benefit from assessed work experience in Early Years settings, Day Care Nurseries, Crèche, Primary, Nursery and Additional Needs and Irish Medium classrooms.

- The skills that you will develop are:
- Excellent communication skills
 - Building knowledge and skills while working with children and staff in a sensitive and positive way
 - Creativity and imagination for play opportunities
 - Planning and organisational skills
 - IT skills

The diploma course is assessed entirely through coursework and placement assessment reports.

- Core Modules**
- Context and principles for the early years sector

- Communication and partnership working
- Safeguarding children
- Keeping children safe, healthy and well
- Support children's personal care and nutrition
- Supporting children's development
- Supporting children's play opportunities and experiences of play
- Contribute to the support of children with disabilities and /or special needs
- Support the learning and development of children with health needs
- Understand the needs of children and young people who are vulnerable and experiencing poverty and disadvantage
- Enable parents to develop ways of handling relationships and behaviour that contribute to everyday life with children

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English and Maths or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy; OR

Level 2 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy; OR

Level 2 Diploma / Qualification from another curriculum area as well as the required English and Maths qualifications or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English and Maths or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy;

OR Level 2 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development and Essential Skills Level 2 in both Communication and Numeracy;

OR Level 2 Diploma / Qualification from another curriculum area, as well as the required English and Maths qualifications or equivalent Essential Skills Level 2 in Communication and Numeracy.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

This is a competence based course requiring both completed portfolio and work placement assessment. Grading system is competent/ not yet competent.

Work Placement
You will be required to undertake work placement in a variety of childcare settings for 2-3 days per week over the 2 years of the course, while working with children 0-5 years, 11 months.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
In order to progress to Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development (CCLD) students MUST have successfully achieved the Level 3 Diploma in CCLD, as well as GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English, e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 or OLC Grade O6.

Please note in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Successful completion of the Extended Diploma qualification also provides opportunities to progress into a diverse range of job roles in employment and you may be able to extend your knowledge in other areas of Early Years by progressing to university or HND in Early Childhood Education and Care or Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies at NWRC.

- Your Future Career**
Learners could progress to the following job roles:
- Early Years/Foundation Stage classroom assistant
 - Childminder
 - Nursery practitioner
 - Pre-school worker
 - Out-of-school childcare worker

With additional study you may progress into higher education or university to further your qualifications in Teaching, Infant Mental Health specialist, Social Work or Psychology.



Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Code
603/3899/4

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20 - £40

Awarding Body
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Progression



Course Overview

Students will complete the Higher National Certificate in ECEC by completing the mandatory Level 4 units (Units 1-8) and 375 hours in three distinct placement settings.

The course is very practical and graduates have excelled at University and in Industry. You will be expected to critically analyse information and think independently. You will use the Early Years Specialist Room fully equipped with a range of play and practical resources while completing this qualification.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process. Enrolment is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

Grant support may be available during your studies. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- Protecting Children in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Play and Learning in Early Childhood
- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development- Babies and Toddlers

- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development - Young Children
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Preparing for Research
- Promoting Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points and minimum of GCSE English at Grade C or equivalent. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. A-Levels, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

ROI: 48 UCAS points and minimum of OLC English at Grade O5; Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. Leaving Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

Please note in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Interview required prior to enrolment for all applicants.

Assessment

100% Coursework. There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, presentations, practical activity and assessment on placement

Work Placement

The number of hours in work placement will be 375 hours in a minimum of three distinct settings covering the following age groups:

- Birth to 1 year, 11 months;
- 2 years to 4 years, 11 months;
- 5 years to 7 years, 11 months.

Further Study

Students can progress to the Level 5 HND in Early Childhood Education and Care or can choose to progress to university. Past students have progressed to Speech and Language, Nursing, Teaching, Social Work, Psychology or another related profession.

Your Future Career

Potential career paths include:

- Classroom assistant
- Playgroup leader
- Crèche leader
- Childminder
- Family Support Worker
- Special Educational Needs Assistant





Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Code

601/8811/X

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year (HNC)

2 Years (HND)

Additional Fees

Uniform: £20 - £40

Awarding Body

Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time

Admissions Office

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Progression



Course Overview

In the first two semesters of the course (Year 1), students will complete the Higher National Certificate in ECEC by completing the mandatory Level 4 units (Units 1-8) and 375 hours in three distinct placement settings. Level 5 modules are completed in the second half of the course (Year 2) as well as a further 150 hours of placement.

The course is very practical and graduates have excelled at university and in Industry. You will be expected to critically analyse information and think independently. You will use the Early Years Specialist Room fully equipped with a range of play and practical resources while completing this qualification.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification, a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process. Enrolment is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

Grant support may be available during your studies. Contact Student Services for more details.

Core Modules

- Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- Protecting Children in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Play and Learning in Early Childhood

- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development- Babies and Toddlers
- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development - Young Children
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Preparing for Research
- Promoting Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Investigating Childhood: Action Research for Early Childhood Practitioners (Pearson-set Project)
- Improving Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Innovative Approaches to Children's Play and Learning in Practice

Optional Modules

- Current and Emerging Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Trauma in Childhood: Addressing the Impact of Adverse Experiences on Child Health and Wellbeing
- Outdoor Play and Learning

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points and minimum of GCSE English at grade C or equivalent. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. A-Levels, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

ROI: 48 UCAS points and minimum of OLC English at Grade O5. Access 40%.

Applicants must have a Level 3 Qualification, e.g. Leaving Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, CACHE Level 3 Diploma/ Extended Diploma, DCE, Level 3 in Playwork, an AVCE/ Advanced GNVQ in an appropriate Vocational area.

Please note, in some universities OLC Grade O5 may not be accepted as equivalent to GCSE Grade C.

Interview required prior to enrolment for all applicants.

Assessment

100% Coursework. There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, presentations, practical activity and assessment on placement

Work Placement

The number of hours in work placement will be 525 hours in a minimum of three distinct settings covering the following age groups:

- Birth to 1 year, 11 months;
- 2 years to 4 years, 11 months;
- 5 years to 7 years, 11 months.

375 placement hours should be completed in Year 1 of the full-time programme.

Further Study

You can progress into employment or to university - Teacher Training qualification, an (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies, Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.

We work closely with our partners in universities to develop opportunities for our students to continue their studies at degree level.

In addition our students are well sought after in the local area for jobs as classroom assistants and early years practitioners.

Your Future Career

Potential career paths include:

- Teacher Training
- Classroom assistant
- Playgroup leader
- Crèche leader
- Childminder





QUB Level 5 Foundation Degree Early Childhood Studies*

(Stranmillis University College)

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Uniform: £20-£40

Awarding Body
Queen University Belfast (QUB)

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Progression



*Subject to validation

Course Overview

This programme will provide you with an opportunity to develop a thorough knowledge and understanding of Early Years and related issues, enabling you to become a confident, competent and well-qualified Early Years Practitioner. It will also give you a nationally recognised qualification and evidence of your ability to work in the Early Years sector.

You will study a range of modules linked to curriculum, psychology and child development. Applications are made through UCAS. Full-Time will run over 2 years; Part-Time will run over 2.5 years to 3 years.

Tuition fees are £3,167 per annum for this course (subject to change).

Core Modules

- Professional Practice
- Child Development
- Shared Perspectives
- Acquisition of Language
- Managing Behaviour
- Anti-Discriminatory Practice

Entry Requirements

Applicants must apply through UCAS directly. UCAS course code: LX53
FdAVECS Campus code: 7- North West Regional College

Enrolment on this course is subject to a satisfactory Access NI check.

UK: 72 UCAS points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English and Maths – Essential Skills Level 2 in Communications will be accepted as an alternative to GCSE English.

ROI: 72 UCAS points plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English and Maths – Essential Skills Level 2 in Communications will be accepted as an alternative to OLC English.

Assessment

80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

There will be a variety of assessment methods, written assignments, case studies, presentations, practical activity and placement assessments.

Work Placement

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Successful completion of the Foundation Degree at a required level will allow you to progress to Year 2 of the BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies. You can also study towards a Teacher Training qualification, a (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies, Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.

Your Future Career

You can progress into employment within the field of Psychology, Nursing, Paediatrics, Social Work, Youth Work or another related profession.



Engineering



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Career Paths

- › Manufacturing Engineer
- › Mechanical Engineer
- › Aeronautical Engineer
- › Electrical & Electronic Engineer
- › Robotics Engineer
- › Telecoms Engineer
- › Materials Design Engineer
- › Product Design Engineer
- ...plus many more!

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in this subject area

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for details



MEET LUKE



Hi! My name's **Luke McLaughlin**, I'm 19 and currently studying the **Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering** at Strand Road campus.

In the future I hope to study Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Uni.



FUN FACT: Luke got his HGV licence when he was 18 and works as a fuel lorry driver for a home heating company 🚚

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What led you to choose studying Engineering with NWRC instead of completing your A-Levels?

I previously attended Lumen Christi College and completed Lower Sixth – but it wasn't working for me, so I decided to enrol at NWRC instead.

My Engineering course suits me much better as I'm focusing on one subject I love, but it's equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

I came here not knowing what to expect but it has been a great experience and I already have 4 offers from UCAS for university! 🥳🎓

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Engineering

Course Code
601/7588/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This is a nationally recognised engineering qualification aimed at students who wish to follow a career in well-paid, prestigious employment, equipped with skills recognised around the world. The Extended Diploma is a two-year, full-time course that is equivalent to 3 A-levels. The course will provide opportunities for students to progress within the industry and to higher-level study.

The course can support learners who want to progress directly to employment in job roles in the engineering industry and to Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLAs) in the engineering sector.

The course will provide education and training for a range of careers in engineering, including electrical, electronic and mechanical engineering.

Throughout the course you will get the opportunity to gain excellent practical and academic skills, knowledge and experience.

You will learn to use industry standard software and equipment to design, test and manufacture products and materials.

Assessment projects are designed to be directly related to real life engineering scenarios.

Core Modules

- Engineering Principles
- Delivery of Engineering Processes Safely as a Team
- Engineering Product Design and Manufacture
- Applied Commercial and Quality Principles in Engineering
- A Specialist Engineering Project
- Microcontroller Systems for Engineers
- Calculus to Solve Engineering Problems

Optional Modules

- Programmable Logic Controllers
- Further Engineering Mathematics
- Computer Aided Design in Engineering
- Pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems
- Electronic Devices and Circuits
- Analogue Electronic Circuits
- Electronic Printed Circuit Board Design and Manufacture
- Mechanical Behaviour of Metallic Materials
- Static Mechanical Principles in Practice

Entry Requirements

UK: Level 2 Diploma in Engineering OR 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include Maths at Grade B.

ROI: Level 2 Diploma in Engineering OR 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include Maths at O4 OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment

67% Coursework; 33% Exam. Assessment is specifically designed to fit the purpose and objective of the qualification. It includes a range of assessment types and styles suited to vocational qualifications in the sector. The main forms of assessment are: external and internal.

Externally-assessed units:

Each external assessment is linked to a specific unit. Each assessment is taken under specified conditions, then marked by Pearson and a grade awarded. Learners are permitted to resit external assessments during their programme.

Internally-assessed units:

Most units are internally assessed and subject to external standards verification. This ensures that learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help them develop a broad range of transferable skills.

Learners could be given the opportunity to:

- Write up the findings of their own research
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes
- Demonstrate practical / technical skills using appropriate processes, devices, components, equipment, materials and consumables.

Further Study

Successful completion of this course will allow you to progress to Higher National Certificate and Higher National Diploma and HLA courses within NWRC.

You can also progress to university to study a degree course in areas such as:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Marine Engineering
- Electronics and Computing
- Agricultural Engineering

These courses are available at various Universities including Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, and at Liverpool, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Another popular route includes Foundation Degree programmes with NWRC which allows access to the above courses at university (Year 2 entry).

Your Future Career

This qualification has been designed as a two-year, full-time course that meets entry requirements in its own right for learners wanting to progress to employment in engineering.

Learners gain relevant skills and knowledge from studying a range of content focused on electrical / electronic and mechanical disciplines, for example electrical machines and maintenance of mechanical systems.

Progression could be either directly to employment in Level 3 job roles or to higher level apprenticeship programmes.





Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Engineering (General)

Course Code
603/0451/0

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
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Course Overview
BTECs are work related qualifications for students taking their first steps into employment, or for those already in employment and seeking career development opportunities. BTECs provide progression into the workplace either directly or via study at university and are also designed to meet employers' needs.

This programme enables employees to undertake a BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in General Engineering . The full time Higher National Diploma programme includes 16 units. This programme will develop critical thinking and problem solving skills and incorporates a range of IT applications, industry standard software and simulation packages.

- Core Modules**
- Engineering Mathematics
 - Engineering Science
 - Engineering Design
 - Managing a Professional Engineering Project
 - Mechanical Principles
 - Materials, Properties and Testing
 - Further Mathematics
 - Research Project
 - Professional Engineering Management (Pearson Set)
 - Engineering Mathematics
 - Engineering Science
 - Engineering Design
 - Managing a Professional Engineering Project
 - Mechanical Principles
 - Materials, Properties and Testing
 - Further Mathematics
 - Research Project

- Professional Engineering Management (Pearson Set)
- Optional Modules**
- Renewable Energy
 - Computer Aided design and Manufacture
 - Lean Manufacturing
 - Sustainability
 - Advanced Mechanical Principles
 - Thermofluids
 - Renewable Energy
 - Computer Aided design and Manufacture
 - Lean Manufacturing
 - Sustainability
 - Advanced Mechanical Principles
 - Thermofluids

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS points to include one pass in related discipline and GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or equivalent; OR Relevant Access course with an overall mark of at least 41%, including Passes in Mathematics and a Science subject. APEL applicable.

ROI: 48 UCAS points to include one pass in related discipline and OLC English and Mathematics at Grade O5 or equivalent OR Relevant Access course with an overall mark of at least 41%, including passes in Mathematics and a Science subject. APEL applicable.

Assessment
100% Coursework. The student will have to achieve prescribed Learning Objectives (LO) and assessment criteria for each module.

All of the LOs will be assessed by the college through designated modules and are mapped against Professional Body standards as appropriate.

Assessment includes using a combination of internally assessed centre-devised internal assignments (which are set and marked by centres) and internally assessed Pearson-set units (which are set by Pearson and marked by centres). Pearson-set themes are mandatory and target particular industry-specific skills.

Further Study
The Level 5 HND General Engineering will provide successful students with the opportunity to progress to the following BEng Hons programmes across a range of HE institutions including Ulster University, Queen's University and the Open University.

- BEng Honours Mechanical Engineering
- BEng Hons Engineering Management
- BEng Hons Degree in Engineering (Top Up)

Your Future Career
There is a wide range of Engineering opportunities available in Ireland, the UK and abroad, whether you want to specialise in:

Electrical, electronics, mechanical, manufacturing, production, aeronautical, energy supply, communications or maintenance engineering.

We also offer a
Higher Level Apprenticeship
in this subject
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Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy



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Career Paths

- › Salon Manager
- › Hairdresser
- › Barber
- › Nail Technician
- › Spa / Massage Therapist
- › Make-Up Artist
- › Beautician
- › Colourist
- ...plus many more!



MEET BEN



Hello, my name is **Ben White** and I'm studying the **Level 3 Diploma in Barbering** ✂️

I completed my A-Levels at St Columb's College and then went to Uni to do a degree in Film. But after two years I realised that it wasn't what I wanted to do with my life.



FUN FACT: Ben dreams of launching his own barbering business, where he plans to blend style, creativity, and passion to redefine the grooming experience for his clients.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What have you learnt so far during your course?

There's a lot to learn during the course including client consultation, barbering techniques, facial shaving, colouring, and much more. I also work at Bareknuckle Barbers in the town and have been able to apply these skills to the job while I study.

One of the things I enjoyed most this year was going into the community to provide haircuts and treatments for International Men's Day.



City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate Barbering

Course Code
601/5909/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £20
Kits: £100

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Course Overview
The course will provide you with the basic skills and knowledge in order to progress to Level 2 Traineeship in Barbering. If you are artistic and have a natural flair for hair, and plenty of energy and stamina this course will help you explore the skills needed to progress through to Level 2.

Skills you require: Creative Skills, Design Skills, Customer Care, Personal presentation, Good communication skills organisational and time-keeping skills. During your course you may have an opportunity to assist and participate in our competition which are judged by leading Barbers.

You may be entitled to financial support for your uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more information.

As part of this course you will complete Essential skills in both Numeracy and Literacy

- Core Modules**
- Unit 101: Prepare for Hair Services and Maintain Work Areas
 - Unit 102: Contribute to the Development of Effective Working
 - Unit 103: Blow Dry Hair
 - Unit 104: Shampoo and Condition Hair
 - Unit 106: Assist with Reception Duties
 - Unit 218: Assist with Shaving Services

Entry Requirements
No entry requirements.

Assessment
50% Coursework, 50% Exam

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Further Study
Students will have a range of skills and experience leading to progress to Level 2.

Your Future Career
If you progress to Level 2 and 3 in Barbering the career opportunities within this industry can lead to jobs in top class salons, working abroad or teaching.



City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma Combined Hair and Beauty Therapy

Course Code
600/2753/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £160

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Course Overview
Are you interested in developing your skills to become a stylist or make-up artist of the future? Have you got the creative flair and do you want to learn all the tricks of the trade?

If YES, this course will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to decide which if you would like to become a hairdresser or beauty therapist.

This course will help you explore and develop the skills needed to turn your interests into a career. Determination and commitment are necessary attributes to be successful in this course.

This course comprises of practical training and assessments carried out in our industry standard salons where you are taught by industry professionals.

Grant support may be available for uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more details.

- Core Modules**
- Unit 003: Shampoo and Condition
 - Unit 101: Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector
 - Unit 102: Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon
 - Unit 103: Follow health and safety
 - Unit 105: Plaiting and Twisting

- Unit 106: Basic Make-up Application
- Unit 107: Basic Manicure Treatments
- Unit 108: Basic Pedicure Treatments
- Unit 112: Create a Hair and Beauty image
- Unit 113: Salon Reception
- Unit 115: Working with Others
- Unit 215: Art of Dressing Hair
- Unit 217: Art of Colouring Hair

Entry Requirements
No entry requirements

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessment on this course is carried out by practical observation and the completion of written tasks.

Further Study
Successfully completing Level 1 Hair and Beauty will allow you to progress to a level 2 Traineeship in either Hair or Beauty Therapy and then further progression in one of our Level 3 courses.

Your Future Career
With experience, hairdressers and beauty therapists can command high salaries and are always in demand! Salary depends on experience and expertise. You can own your own business or progress into teaching.





City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma Hairdressing

Course Code
600/2753/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £165

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
H £

Course Overview
Are you interested in developing your skills to become a hair stylist of the future? Have you got the creative flair and do you want to learn all the tricks of the trade?

If YES, this course will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to become a hairdresser. This course will help you explore and develop the skills needed to turn your interests into a career. Determination and commitment are necessary attributes to be successful in this course.

This course comprises of practical training and assessments carried out in our industry standard salons where you are taught by industry professionals.

Grant support may be available for uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more details.

- Core Modules**
- Unit 003: Shampoo and Conditioning
 - Unit 005: Create an Image using Colour for the Hair and Beauty Sector
 - Unit 101: Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector
 - Unit 102: Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon
 - Unit 103: Styling Women's Hair
 - Unit 104: Styling Men's Hair

- Unit 105: Plaiting and Twisting Hair
- Unit 112: Create a Hair and Beauty Image
- Unit 113: Follow Health and Safety in the Salon
- Unit 114: Salon Reception Duties
- Unit 115: Working with Other in the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Unit 215: The Art of Dressing Hair
- Unit 217: The Art of Colouring

Entry Requirements
No entry requirements.

Assessment
75% Coursework, 25% Exam

Assessment on this course is carried out by practical observation and the completion of written tasks

Further Study
Successfully completing Level 1 Hair will allow you to progress to a Level 2 Traineeship in Hairdressing and then further progression in Level 3 Hairdressing.

Your Future Career
With experience, hairdressers and beauty therapists can command high salaries and are always in demand!

Salary depends on experience and expertise. You can own your own business or progress into teaching.



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Hairdressing

Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £160

Awarding Body
Open College Network (OCN)

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Progression
H £

Course Overview
This course will provide you with the professional skills and knowledge necessary to become a competent hairdresser, working efficiently and effectively.

If you are artistic, creative and have a natural flair for styling hair, this course will help you explore the skills needed to turn your interests into a career.

Skills you require:

- The creativity to design and interpret hairstyles
- Excellent customer service and communication skills
- Organisational & time-keeping skills

During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in an annual Hairdressing and Beauty Showcase, a day of competition, judged by leading hairdressers and beauty therapists.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

You may be entitled to financial support towards the cost of your uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more information.

- Core Modules**
- Shampoo and Conditioning
 - Health, Safety and Science
 - Colouring Hair
 - Cutting Hair
 - Styling, Dressing and Finishing Hair
 - Practical Hairdressing Project

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D.
ROI: 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O5.

If you do not hold a pass in Math and English then you will complete Essential skills Numeracy and Communication alongside your vocational course.

Assessment
20% Coursework, 80% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks, and online exams.

Work Placement
Work Placement is embedded into the programme, running the colleges commercial salons

Further Study
Students will have a broad range of skills and experience leading to progress to higher levels

Your Future Career
Career opportunities for former successful students include positions within top class salons, television, working abroad, on cruise liners, in demonstration work or teaching.





City & Guilds Level 2 Traineeship Barbering

Course Code
601/5699/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £160

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
H £

Course Overview
This course will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to become a competent and professional barber, working efficiently and effectively to a national standard. If you are artistic, creative and have a natural flair for male grooming and styling hair, this course will help you explore the skills needed to turn your interests into a career.

You will also need plenty of energy and stamina to succeed in this customer focused industry.

The NWRC Barbering facilities offer Salon Services to the public so training is reflective of industry standards.

- Skills you will acquire:
- The creativity to design and interpret hairstyles
 - Excellent customer service and communication skills
 - Organisational & time-keeping skills

During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in an annual competitions, judged by leading barbers, hairdressers and beauty therapists. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Grant support for uniform and kit may be available. Contact Student Services for more details.

- Core Modules**
- Advise and Consult with Clients
 - Shampoo, Condition and Treat Hair
 - Develop and Maintain your Effectiveness at Work
 - Cut Men's Hair
 - Cut Facial Hair Using Basic Techniques
 - Dry and Finish Men's Hair
 - Create Basic Outlines and Detailing in Hair
 - Perm and Neutralise Hair
 - Colour and Lighten Hair

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) or equivalent to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

If you do not hold a pass in Math and English then you will complete Essential skills Numeracy and Communication alongside your vocational course.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks, and online exams.

Work Placement
You will be placed in a Barbers 1 day per week to gain valuable experience in the Barbering environment.

If you are unable to find a Work Placement, you will complete this in house in the college commercial salons.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
Candidates showing flair and expertise at Level 2 are expected to progress onto the Level 3 Diploma programme.

Your Future Career
Career opportunities for successful students include positions within top class salons, working abroad, television, on cruise liners, in demonstration work or teaching.





City & Guilds Level 2 Traineeship Beauty Therapy

Course Code
500/9076/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Beauty Kit: £70

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Course Overview

This course is designed for those wishing to have a fulfilling career in this fast paced and continuously evolving world-wide industry.

To become a successful Beauty Therapist you will need to have excellent people skills and love all things make-up and beauty!

You are taught in 'salons' by professionals who have worked in industry or owned their own salons. Practical training and assessments are carried out on clients in a realistic working environment.

Students who choose to study on this popular course benefit greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public.

Our students have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK competitions.

Grant support may be available.

Core Modules

- Working in the Beauty-related Industries
- Follow Health and Safety Practice in the Salon
- Client Care and Communication in Beauty-related Industries
- Provide Facial Skincare
- Promote Products and Services to Clients in a Salon

- Remove Hair Using Waxing Techniques
- Provide Manicure Treatments
- Provide Pedicure Treatments
- Apply Make-up
- Provide Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments
- Create an Image Based on a Theme Within the Hair and Beauty Sector

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5-O8 or above) to include Maths and English at Grade O5 or above.

If you do not hold a pass in Math and English then you will complete Essential skills Numeracy and Communication alongside your vocational course.

Assessment

80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks, and online exams.

Work Placement

Practical work experience is within the College salons.

Further Study

If you can demonstrate flair and expertise on this course, you should expect to progress onto our Level 3 Diploma programme

Your Future Career

Career opportunities for successful students include positions within Beauticians, Health Spas, on Cruise Liners and or as Cosmetic Demonstrators as Salon Technicians. Many of our students go on to have successful careers and some start up their own business.

Become a
Student Ambassador
and earn freebies
plus lots more!





City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Barbering

Course Code
601/5698/3

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform and Kit required. You should have this from Level 2.

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Course Overview
This course is open to students who have successfully completed their Level 2 in Barbering. It will provide you with the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to become a competent and professional barber, designing new looks, following fashion trends whilst having the confidence to embrace new innovative ideas.

Barbering is a dynamic industry and you will require commitment to be successful in this evolving and fast-paced industry. Being a Barber requires you to make successful connections with your clients and therefore listening and communication skills are very important. The college Barbering facilities offer Services to the public so training is reflective of industry standards. During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in annual competitions, judged by leading barbers. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

Grant support for uniform and kit may be available. Contact Student Services for more details.

- Core Modules**
- Provide Client Consultation
 - Colour and Lighten Men's Hair
 - Creatively Cut Hair Using a Combination of Barbering Techniques
 - Design and Create a Range of Facial Hair Shapes
 - Design and Create Patterns in Hair
 - Perming and Neutralising Hair
 - Provide Facial Shaving

Entry Requirements
Applicants should have a Level 2 Diploma in Barbering.

Assessment
80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement
You will be placed in a Barbering salon one day per week to gain valuable real world experience in the working environment.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
You may progress to Level 5 OCN/NI in Hair and Beauty Management

Your Future Career
The course offers the opportunity to progress to supervisory and management positions, courses of higher education and careers in teaching and training.





City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Beauty Therapy

Course Code
601/0560/4

Campus
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £30

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview

This course provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Beauty Industry Authority. Beauty Therapy is a highly skilled profession with numerous career opportunities.

It is a dynamic industry involving hard work, which provides satisfying and rewarding outcomes. We strive to include new techniques and developments which ensure that you are well prepared to provide clients with the best in modern treatments. Past students have benefited greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public.

Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK competitions.

Core Modules

- Monitor and Maintain Health and Safety Practice in the Salon
- Client Care and Communication in Beauty-Related Industries
- Promote and Sell Products and Services to Clients
- Provide Facial Electrotherapy Treatments
- Provide Massage Using Pre-Blended Aromatherapy Oils
- Provide Indian Head Massage
- Provide Self-tanning
- Apply Individual Permanent Lashes
- Apply Micro-Dermabrasion
- Apply Stone Therapy Massage
- Provide Body Massage

Entry Requirements

Level 2 Beauty Therapy; OR Level 2 Combined Hair and Beauty.

Assessment

80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams

Work Placement

You will spend at least 1 day per week on placement in local beauty salons to gain vital client and industry experience. As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study

Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking a range of Level 4/5 specialist units or OCN/NI in Hair & Beauty Management.

Your Future Career

There are many exciting opportunities open to the qualified therapist, such as Salon Ownership, Beauty Therapists, working aboard Cruise Ships and in prestigious Health Spas or opening your own business.



City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Beauty Therapy (Body and SPA)

Course Code
500/8954/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £30

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression

Course Overview

Spas are considered 'the luxury' beauty market. They are defined as establishments that promote wellness through the provision of therapeutic and other professional services aimed at renewing the body, mind, and spirit and are a key component of the wellness industry.

Massage is known as the oldest healthcare treatment and there are more than 80 different types of massage. The popularity of Spa Training continues to grow with our past students working in industry across the world.

This course provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Beauty Industry Authority. NWRC has its own purpose built Spa area which supports specialist training. Beauty Therapy is a dynamic industry involving hard work, which provides satisfying and rewarding outcomes.

Past students have benefited greatly from our industry standard facilities, including the commercial salon, which is open to the public.

Core Modules

- Health and Safety
- Client Care
- Promote Products / Services
- Body Massage
- Pre-blended Aroma Massage
- Monitor Maintain Spa
- Provide Spa Treatments
- Provide Indian Head Massage
- Health and Wellbeing
- Working in the Beauty Industry

Optional Modules

As required by industry.

Entry Requirements

Level 2 Beauty Therapy; OR Level 2 Hair & Beauty Combined.

Assessment

80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

The summative assessments for the qualification require the candidates to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement

You will spend at least one day per week on placement in local beauty salons to gain experience of Spa.

Further Study

Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking the OCN/NI in Hair & Beauty Management or other specialty Part Time courses to improve their income potential.

Your Future Career

There are many exciting opportunities open to the qualified therapist, such as Salon Owners, Beauty Therapists, and Cruise Ships and Health Spas.





City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma Hairdressing

Course Code
601/5697/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady
Strabane

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees:
Uniform: £30
Kits: £170

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
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Progression
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Course Overview
Hairdressing has become a dynamic industry where flair and creativity are required alongside practical and technical skills. To succeed you need to be highly trained and possess an artistic passion for designing new looks, following fashion trends and have confidence in new ideas.

Our staff will provide the necessary knowledge and skills required to achieve the standards for Level 3 accreditation as set out by the Hairdressing Industry Authority.

During your course you will have the opportunity to participate in an annual Hairdressing and Beauty Showcase, a day of competition, judged by leading hairdressers and beauty therapists. Our students also have the opportunity to compete in Regional and UK Competitions.

You may be entitled to financial support for your uniform and kit. Contact Student Services for more information.

- Core Modules**
- Creatively style and dress hair
 - Creatively cut hair using a combination of techniques
 - Creatively colour and lighten hair
 - Provide client consultation services
 - Contribute to the financial effectiveness of the business
 - Hair colour correction services
 - Develop, enhance and evaluate your creative hairdressing skills

- Optional Modules**
- Cut Men's Hair

Entry Requirements
Level 2 Hairdressing; OR Level 2 Combined Hair and Beauty.

Assessment
80% Practical, 20% Exam.

The emphasis is on 'learning by doing'. For this reason, candidates are required to complete a number of tasks and/or tests to show their attainment of practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Candidates are required to undertake practical tasks and online exams.

Work Placement
You will be placed in a Hairdressing Salon one day per week to gain valuable experience in the working environment.

As placement is an integral part of your qualification a self-declaration of current health status is implicit as part of the overall risk assessment process.

Further Study
Successful students may choose to enhance their career opportunities by undertaking the OCN NI in Hair and Beauty Management

Your Future Career
The course offers the opportunity to progress to supervisory and management positions, courses of higher education and careers in teaching and training.



Hospitality & Tourism



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- › Restaurant Manager
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- › Hotel Manager
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- › Events Manager
- › Airline Cabin Crew

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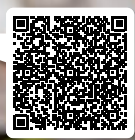
Hello, my name is **Riyad Kadir** and I am currently studying the **Level 1 City & Guilds in Hospitality Services** at Strand Road campus.

I'm originally from Ethiopia but I've been here for two years. Before I came to NWRC I took my GCSE's at Oakgrove College.



FUN FACT: Riyad first became interested in cooking while following videos on YouTube.

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Tell us about your career aspirations?

I previously thought about a career as a nurse but in the end I decided to go for the Chef route instead as this is where my passion lies. I have always enjoyed cooking - particularly pastas, rice and curry 🍛

My course has been great! I love the fact that I am studying a practical course that allows me to spend time in the kitchen. I hope to progress on to study the Level 2.

In the future I hope to have a successful career working as a Chef in a restaurant 🍴👨🍳

**MEET
RIYAD**



City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate Hospitality Services

Course Code
501/0003/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Uniforms: £100-£150

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression



Course Overview
The Hospitality industry is a large and diverse employer, and the sector is growing within Northern Ireland with more people travelling and eating out.

This provides many opportunities for a dynamic, and fulfilling career. Hospitality at Level 1 is the beginning of this journey giving you the insight, skills and knowledge to develop in this career path.

The qualification is a well-structured learning programme delivered in modern facilities with a dedicated teaching team. This course will introduce you to basic cookery and help develop good work and organisational practices. It is suitable for those who need to gain more confidence in their abilities to prepare and cook food and will help them to develop a professional work aptitude.

You will work in the College's well equipped kitchens and the College Brasserie / Restaurant.

Your study includes NVQ Level 1 certificate in Hospitality Services and Essential Skills in Communication and Numeracy at the appropriate level.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at Interview.

Entry Requirements
Learners do not require any prior qualifications or experience to take this qualification.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

All practical coursework and assessments will be completed in the College kitchens and restaurants. All UPK exams will be under test conditions in the classroom.

Further Study
Students may progress to Level 2 Professional Chef Traineeship

Your Future Career
With this qualification you can move directly into employment or to an Apprenticeship training programme.





City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate Hospitality Services (SEN)

Course Code
501/0003/8

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniforms: £100-£150

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
 

Course Overview
This course is designed for those with mild to moderate learning disabilities and will provide opportunities to develop hospitality skills at your own pace, which can lead to a dynamic and fulfilling hospitality career.

The qualification is a well-structured learning programme delivered in modern facilities with a dedicated teaching team. This course will introduce you to basic cookery and help develop good work and organisational practices. It is suitable for those who need to gain more confidence in their abilities to prepare and cook food and will help them to develop a professional work aptitude.

All applicants will be interviewed and parents/relevant professionals may attend. Arrangements for meeting individual support needs will be discussed to ensure that students have every opportunity to succeed.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at Interview.

Entry Requirements
Learners do not require any prior qualifications or experience to take this qualification.

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam.

All practical coursework and assessments will be completed in the College kitchens and restaurants. All UPK exams will be under test conditions in the classroom.

Further Study
Students may progress to NVQ Level 2 Hospitality Services.

Your Future Career
With this qualification you can move directly into employment or to an Apprenticeship training programme.



City & Guilds Level 2 Apprenticeship NI Professional Cookery

Course Code
500/9979/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £100-£150
(Cost subject to change)

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Progression
 

Course Overview
This programme is an internationally recognised qualification designed to enable students to gain professional culinary skills.

You will train in the production of food to a high standard in modern kitchens and restaurant facilities. This is a dynamic programme which involves both food preparation and cookery elements, where you will prepare and cook a range of foods using a variety of cooking methods.

Essential Skills in Numeracy and Literacy are also included if equivalents not already achieved.

As an apprentice you are employed in the industry and typically work for an employer three to four days a week. One or two days a week will be spent at college studying your competency and knowledge based qualifications.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at interview.

Entry Requirements
UK: Students preferably should have GCSE English and Maths (Grade D).

Students who do not have GCSE or Level 1 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) must attend additional classes in these subjects in College.

ROI: Students preferably should have OLC Maths and English (Grade O6 or above); Leaving Certificate Applied - Merit.

Students who do not have the above or Level 1 Essential Skills in Numeracy, Literacy and ICT (or equivalent) must attend additional classes in these subjects in College.

Apprenticeships NI Level 2 is open to employees aged 16+ or those about to take up permanent paid employment with a Northern Ireland based company and be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (including day release attendance at college).

Assessment
80% Coursework 20% Exam

Coursework will be made up of both practical assessments and underpinning knowledge tests.

Work Placement
You will typically work for your employer 3 to 4 days per week or at least 21 hours per week.

Further Study
Progression to Level 3 Professional Chefs apprenticeship.

Your Future Career
The skills acquired on the course will enable you to progress with your current employer or gain further employment within the hospitality industry.





FDQ Level 2 Traineeship Professional Chef

Course Code
500/9979/6

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Uniform: £100-£150
(Cost subject to change)

Awarding Body
FDQ

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Course Overview
The FDQ Level 2 Diploma in Professional Chef Qualification (Northern Ireland) is designed for learners who wish to work as a chef in the catering and hospitality industry.

The Traineeship programme will allow participants to achieve a full Level 2 qualification and will comprise the following key elements:

- A main vocational based qualification
- Vocational skills development
- Transversal and digital skills
- Work placement
- Literacy and numeracy qualifications at Level 2 (may include GCSE qualifications in English and Mathematics)
- Additional qualifications necessary for work within hospitality, e.g Food Safety, Allergen Awareness

You will train in modern kitchens and restaurant facilities. This is a dynamic programme which involves both food preparation and cookery elements, where you will prepare and cook a range of foods using a variety of cooking methods.

Core Modules
Will be discussed at interview

Optional Modules
Will be discussed at interview

Entry Requirements
UK: NVQ Level 1 qualification and 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths and English Grade E or equivalent

ROI: NVQ Level 1 qualification and 4 OLCs Grades O5-O8 to include Maths and English Grade O6 or equivalent.

Assessment
80% Coursework 20% Exam

All practical coursework / assessments will be completed in the College kitchens and restaurants. All UPK exams will be under test conditions in the classroom.

Work Placement
Students will complete a work placement - this will be discussed at interview.

Further Study
Progression to a NVQ Level 3 qualification.

Your Future Career
You can progress into employment or Apprenticeship training.



NCFE Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Travel and Tourism

Course Code
601/7936/3

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Field Trips: £25;

Required for attendance on study visits – payable as and when trips are confirmed throughout the year.

Other: Residential;

A residential unit is a possibility for Year 2 of the programme and costs will vary depending on activities and location selected by the class cohort.

Awarding Body
Northern Council for Further Education (NCFE)

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Course Overview
This course is equivalent to 2 to 3 A-Levels and can equip you with the knowledge and skills required for a wide range of careers within the Travel and Tourism industry. You will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of site visits that allows observation of the Tourism industry in practice. Some of these site visits involve a financial cost.

If you do not hold a Level 2 qualification in Numeracy or Literacy you will be given the opportunity to complete these during this course to enhance your employability and progression prospects. Both Numeracy and Literacy are required for progression to Higher Level courses. A wide range of units are studied to give a broad understanding of the industry.

- Core Modules**
- The UK Travel and Tourism Industry
 - Customer Service in Travel and Tourism
 - Preparing for a Career in Travel and Tourism

- Optional Modules**
- Work Experience in Travel and Tourism
 - The UK Conference and Events Industry
 - UK Visitor Attractions
 - Responsible Tourism
 - Specialist Tourism
 - Travel & Tourism Destinations
 - Hospitality in Travel and Tourism
 - UK Tour Operations
 - Travel Agency Operations

- Marketing for Travel and Tourism
- Investigating Cabin Crew
- UK Airports
- The Cruise Industry
- Business Travel
- Tour Guiding

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) preferably to include English.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) preferably to include English; Leaving Cert Applied – Merit.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Units are assessed via a range of different assessment formats to include reports, essays, presentations.

Work Placement
Currently a work placement is required to be undertaken. Students will have the opportunity to apply for and work in areas such as airports, hotels, restaurants, attractions, museums and with tour guiding companies.

Further Study
After completing this programme, you may choose to progress to the further study within Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management within the College or enter employment within the industry.

Your Future Career
There are multiple employment opportunities in areas such as airlines, hotels, visitor attractions, travel agents and public sector organisations.



Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
2.5 Years (Part-Time)

Additional Fees
Field Trips: £40

Other: Optional International Residential, £400-£500 approx;
Additional Qualifications: £80;
To enhance skills for employment

Awarding Body
Open University

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Progression
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Course Overview
This programme has been designed to prepare you for a career in the Hospitality, Tourism & Events industry.

Exemptions for modules already achieved will be determined by the specific progression degree you apply to as well as the Universities regulations in relation to exemptions.

Day trips, site visits and guest speakers play an important part of the programme along with additional qualifications to enhance employability and individual skills sets and it is recommended that all aspects are engaged with throughout the entire programme of study.

Core Modules
A wide range of modules will be studied in the subject areas of hospitality, tourism and events management. Work Based Learning.

Optional Modules
Depending on the specialist pathway (Hospitality, Tourism or Events) there are three additional subject modules.

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS Tariff points + GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (eg. Essential Skills Level 2 Literacy). Access – 40%.

ROI: 48 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English; Access – 40%

Assessment
80% Coursework, 20% Exam. Assessment includes individual and group presentations, essays, reports, class tests and examinations.

Work Placement
Placement is a compulsory part of the programme and this can be undertaken at home or abroad.

Further Study
Opportunities to progress to a Top-Up Degree or similar degree programme at another Higher Education college or university.

Your Future Career
Progress into a number of career paths within the sectors of Hospitality, Tourism, Travel and Events.

Applicants who do not meet the formal entry requirements may be eligible to apply through Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL). See page 36 for more information.

Attendance at course information session is required.



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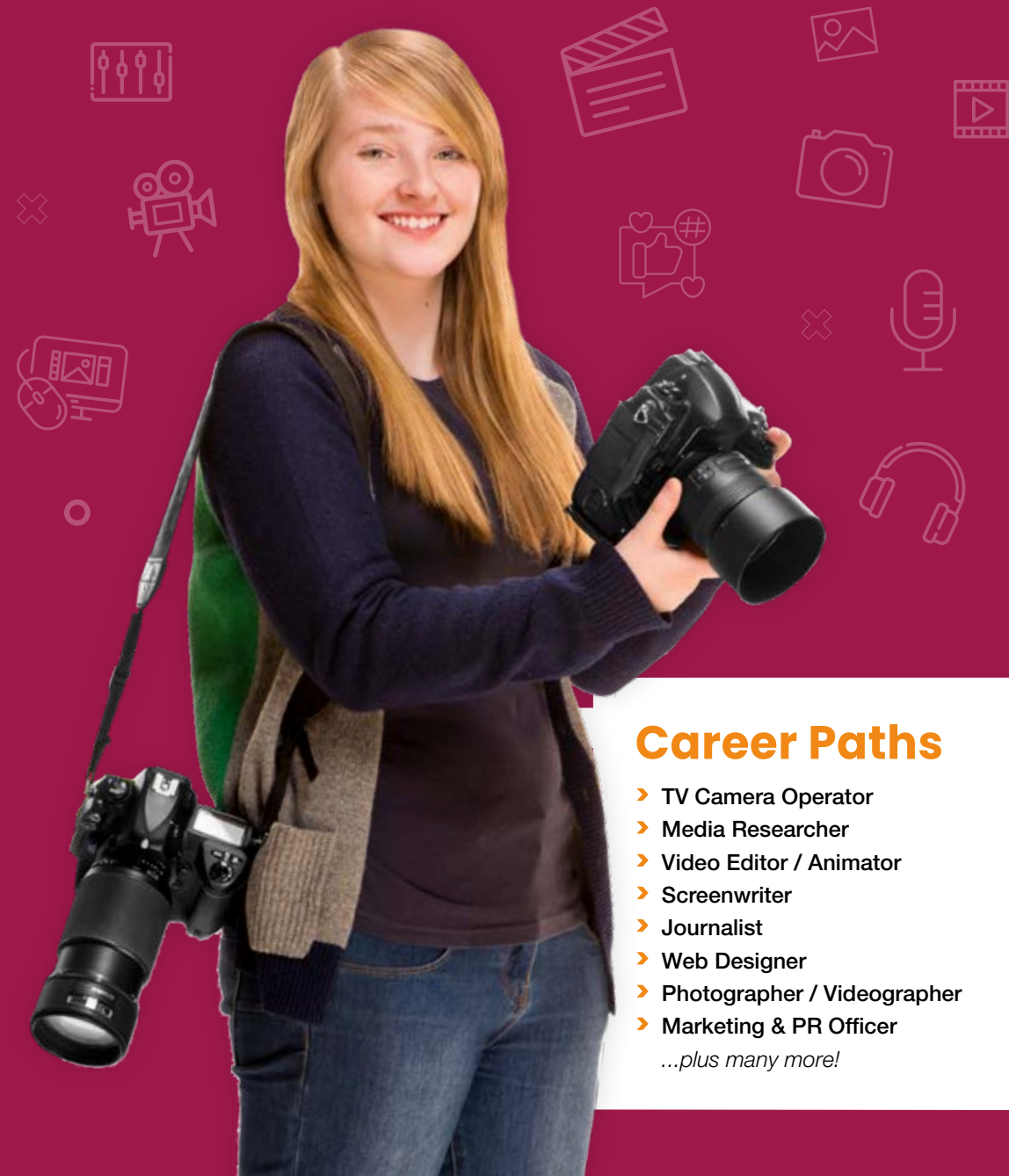
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Media, Multimedia & Journalism



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Career Paths

- › TV Camera Operator
- › Media Researcher
- › Video Editor / Animator
- › Screenwriter
- › Journalist
- › Web Designer
- › Photographer / Videographer
- › Marketing & PR Officer
- ...plus many more!



MEET CIARA



Hi, I'm **Ciara Barnett** and I graduated from the College in 2024 with a **HND in Creative Media, Film & TV** 🎬📺🌟

After completing my Leaving Cert at Scoil Mhuire in Buncrana I attended Open Day at NWRC. The staff and students made me feel so welcome I knew right away this was the place I wanted to study.



FUN FACT: Ciara enjoys cold water therapy and has documented its health benefits through her podcast 'Waves from Within' 🌊🎧💙

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



What did you enjoy most about your time at NWRC?

I was given so many opportunities, such as producing the College's first ever official podcast Talk NWRC. Because of this experience I was encouraged to start my own podcast series.

My time at NWRC shaped me personally and professionally and when I finished my course I got my first job as a Marketing Assistant with a local PR agency! 🥳



Pearson BTEC Level 2 Traineeship Creative Media Skills

Course Code
603/5548/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression



Course Overview
The Level 2 Traineeship will enable you to achieve a qualification which is comparable to 4 GCSEs.

The practical nature of the course will introduce an innovative creative industries sector and a range of available careers. It gives you an insight into the media industry with a view to further study at Level 3 or Higher Education. This course will introduce learners to what is needed to succeed in a range of media career pathways including moving image, Film & TV, animation, photography, graphics and digital media.

Students will be introduced to technical skills, such as camera operation, editing, sound recording, and graphic design, while also developing their understanding of media theory and production processes including completion of projects and assignments that demonstrate technical, creative and transversal skills.

Some areas of study explored during the Level 2 Traineeship;

- Understanding the media industry
- Video production
- Web Design
- Sound and radio production
- Advertising and advertising techniques
- Digital publishing
- Photographic techniques

Core Modules

- Exploring and Developing Creative Media Skills
- Creative Media Project
- Personal Development
- Responding to a Creative Brief

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grades D-G to include Maths at Grade D and English at Grade E.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grades O5 - O8 to include Maths at Grade O5 and English at Grade O6.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students will engage in a range of assessments throughout the year; this includes the production of practical projects with accompanying portfolios and written work.

Units are delivered by coursework, which is internally assessed and externally moderated.

There are no external exams.

Work Placement
60 hours of placement or simulated placement to be carried out over the year either in blocks throughout the year or a small number of hours per week.

Further Study
This Level 2 Traineeship Diploma takes you through a variety of units that provide the basic foundation needed to help you progress learning to the next stage: Potential to progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production or Level 3 in Games, Animation and VFX.

In addition, the qualification will allow you to choose your progression route from a wide range of other Level 3 Diploma courses at NWRC depending on the results obtained from the Vocational Qualification, Essential Skills Qualifications and T Skill qualifications.

There are further progression opportunities after Level 3 which include a variety of Level 5 HND courses in Creative Media, Digital Design and Journalism.

Your Future Career
The qualification can introduce a wide range of career pathways including job roles as filmmakers, video editors, content creators, journalists, radio broadcasters, social media managers or digital marketing executives.





AIM Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Gaming, Animation and VFX Skills*

Course Code
TBC

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
AIM

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Progression



- Course Overview**

The qualification is suitable for anyone interested in a career in a wide range of jobs in creative and digital media roles or to move into an apprenticeship or higher education.

Core Modules

The course contains the following components:

 - Art Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Core Principles of Game Design
 - Fundamental Animation Skills for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries - possibly
 - Fundamental Product Programming Skills
 - Maths and Logic Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - VFX Fundamentals for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - 3D Tools: Creative and Technical 3D Modelling
 - Production Management for the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Emerging Technologies/Trends in the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
 - Images and Sounds for Imagined Worlds
 - Story / Playboarding
 - Working in the Games, Animation and VFX Industries
- Entry Requirements**

UK: 4 GCSEs at Grade C (to include Maths); OR BTEC Level 2 First Diploma or equivalent at Pass or above; OR NVQ Level 2 (in relevant subject area).

ROI: 4 OLC's Grade O5 or above (to include Maths); OR BTEC Level 2 First Diploma or equivalent at Pass or above; OR NVQ Level 2 (in relevant subject area).

Assessment

40% Coursework,60% Exam.

Two external set and marked exams; written assignment; development portfolio; project and research report.

 - Core principles exam (Year 1)
 - Case study exam (Year 2)
 - Written assignment, Art Theory in Context
 - Asset development portfolio
 - Synoptic project (complete an industry set brief)
 - Research report on emerging technologies

Further Study

Students are well placed to progress to university as the Extended Diploma carries UCAS tariff points.

Options include:

 - HND Digital Design NWRC
 - BDes Animation Ulster University
 - BDes Games Design and Development

- BSc (Hons) Games Design and Development
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Technology, University of Abertay
 - BSc (Hons) Games Production Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies, Nottingham
 - BA (Hons) Graphics for Games University of Bradford
 - BSc (Hons) Film and Visual Effects Technology, University of Bradford
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Design University of Stafford
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Games Design Manchester Met University
 - BSc (Hons) Games Design University of Bolton
 - BA Games Design Brunel University
 - BA The Art of Visual Effects Pearson Business School
- Your Future Career**
- Many students also progress onto Higher Level Apprenticeships:
- Junior 2D Artists
 - Digital Community Manager
 - Assistant Technical Directors
 - Digital Community Managers
 - Junior VFX Artists





Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Digital Media Production

Course Code
601/7470/5

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview

This course is focused on the skills and expertise needed to work in various aspects of the film and animation industries.

This course is designed for anyone with a keen interest in the ever changing world of multimedia. Whether interested in designing and producing for the web, video or animation this course helps students develop the required skills.

Students will learn a broad range of media skills including: camera person, designer, animator and interactive multimedia author - preparing them for a career in the world of digital communication with opportunities to work on real projects for industry, education or the voluntary sector.

Students will have the opportunity to work in state-of-the-art multimedia labs with industry production equipment. There will also be an opportunity to experience VR/AR technology as well as the latest Outside Broadcast Technology.

Core Modules

- Specialist Subject Investigation
- Media Representations
- Pre Production Portfolio
- Media Campaigns
- Digital Media Skills
- Responding to a Commission

Optional Modules

- Film Editing
- Film Production
- Advertising Production
- Film Editing
- Multi Camera Techniques
- Single Camera
- Multicamera Techniques
- Factual Production
- Sound Production

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit.

Assessment

75% Coursework, 25% Exam. Units are assessed through coursework assessments set by lecturers and one externally marked exam per semester

Further Study

Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, this course allows you to progress to Higher Level study in Web and Multimedia Design, Media Studies, Animation and Media Production.

Your Future Career

Careers may include:

- Animation
- Film and Television
- Marketing
- Social Media



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Digital Media Production (Film and Television)

Course Code
601/7469/9

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression

Course Overview

This course is focused on the skills and expertise needed to work in various aspects of the film and television industries.

This course is designed to help students become proficient in a range of media disciplines and afford them an opportunity to specialise at the end of the second year. It will prepare students for work in most aspects of the media industry. Students work on live client briefs as part of an in-house production company.

This course is highly valued by employers, as successful students possess practical experience and a qualification equivalent to 3 A-Levels.

Core Modules

- Responding to a Commission
- Working in the Creative Media Industry
- Digital Media Skills
- Pre Production Portfolio
- Media Campaigns
- Media Representations
- Multi Camera Techniques
- Film Editing
- Ad Production
- Film Production

Optional Modules

- Film Editing
- Sound Recording
- Ad Production
- Film Production Fiction
- Film Production Factual
- Multi Camera Techniques

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) to include English. Interview required.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) to include English; OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit. Interview required.

All applicants will be interviewed before selection and should have some portfolio evidence of an interest in media related matters. Applicants may also be required to demonstrate basic practical and academic skills in a portfolio.

Assessment

75% Coursework, 25% Exam. Units are assessed through coursework assessments set by lecturers and four externally marked exams (one at the end of each semester).

Work Placement

Although work experience is not part of the course, students have the opportunity to work on 'live' client briefs to ensure they are working to professional standards.

Further Study

This qualification can be used to gain employment in the media profession or to facilitate entry to higher-level courses.

Your Future Career

- Cameraperson
- Editor
- Director
- Producer
- Film Maker
- Sound Technician





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Film and Television

Course Code
610/1792/9 (HNC)
603/2282/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
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Course Overview
A highly respected course which aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to progress to an undergraduate degree or find employment in the media industry.

The learning experience occurs in a fully equipped media suite with a high-spec TV studio with broadcast-quality camera equipment. We use the latest camera, sound and editing technology and focus on ‘project-based learning, replicating the industry environment so that our students gain valuable experience, knowledge and skills.

Students have an opportunity to work alongside industry professionals and to find paid work during the lifetime of their course. We support aspiring creative talent to reach their potential in broadcast, film, TV, podcasting and content creation.

- Core Modules**
- Concept and Development
 - Creative Media Industries
 - Film and Video Editing
 - Individual Project
 - Advanced Film Production Studies
 - Creative Project
 - Personal Professional Development
 - Professional Project
 - Film Practices
 - Collaborative Project (Pearson-set)
 - Film Studies
 - Professional Practice
- Optional Modules**
- Film Studies
 - Multi Camera Production
 - Principles of Photography

- Sound Production for Moving Image
 - Documentary
 - Work Based Learning
 - Videography
- Entry Requirements**
UK: 32 UCAS Points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English.
ROI: 32 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade O5 or above) in English.

Interview required for all applicants.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessment includes research modules, hands-on practical exercises and group projects. Units are interlinked to replicate “real world” scenarios and offer the opportunity for students to build a range of skills to maximise employment opportunities.

Work Placement
Students have access to industry placements, masterclasses and special events.

Further Study
Upon successful completion, students can progress onto the final two years of an Honours Degree in film or media production in most UK universities. Or continue studies at NWRC to complete a Level 6 Top-Up Degree in Creative Media Industries (pending approval).

Your Future Career
Students can enter employment in a wide range of roles within the film industry, including screenwriting, directing, producing, documentary filmmaking or cinematography.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Journalism

Course Code
610/1800/4 (HNC)
603/2282/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression
 



Course Overview

Journalism is a creative, challenging and hugely exciting subject area. The HNC/D in Journalism allows students to go behind the scenes of their areas of interest. It is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills required for success in future employment, or for progression to an undergraduate degree or the NCTJ Diploma in Journalism with NWRC.

The course covers all the skills necessary for modern multi-platform and multimedia journalism including: TV, radio, photographic, print and online journalism.

Teaching is centred at the College's state of the art media and journalism facility at the Strand Road campus.

In Year 1, students will complete the HNC in Journalism before progressing to the HND in Year 2. Students are expected to contribute to NWRC's online news outlet, iNews as well as college radio output, 3CR.

Areas to be studied include but are not confined to:

- New Technologies
- Journalism and Society
- Roles in Journalism
- Law and Ethics
- Journalism Practice
- Journalism Techniques
- Professional Practice
- Print/Online Journalism
- Radio Journalism
- Television Journalism
- Social Media
- Media and Culture
- Project Management

Core Modules

- Concept and Development
- Creative Project
- Personal Professional Development
- Professional Project
- Creative Media Industries
- Individual Project
- Collaborative Project
- Digital Page Production
- Journalism Practices
- Advanced Journalism Studies
- Professional Practice
- Journalism and Society

Optional Modules

- Radio Production
- Investigative Journalism
- Social Media
- News and Editorial
- Radio Management

Entry Requirements

UK: 32 UCAS Points + GCSE (Grade C or above) in English.

ROI: 32 UCAS Points + OLC (Grade O5 or above) in English.

Interview also required

Assessment

100% Coursework. Students undertake a range of practical assignments including contributing to the online college publication iNews and running the college radio station.

Students will have the opportunity to cover live events in print, video and audio, to create podcasts and cover a range of topics in the wide area of journalism including news, sport, music, film, fashion and travel.

Work Placement

Students undertake a work based learning module in the second year of the course.

Further Study

On completion of the HND Journalism qualification, students can progress to further Higher Education study, including possible entry to Year 2 undergraduate journalism degree courses at some universities.

Depending on HND achievement, students may also progress, to the NCTJ Diploma in Journalism course which is delivered through NWRC.

Your Future Career

BTEC Higher National qualifications are designed to address an increasing need for high quality professional and technical education pathways at Levels 4 and 5.

They provide students with a clear line of sight to employment or progression to further higher education study.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma

Digital Design

Course Code

603/0908/8 (HNC)
603/0909/X (HND)

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body

Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

The HND Digital Design course provides an immersive experience across various design disciplines, equipping creative students with real-world skills tailored to evolving industry demands. Specialisms include Graphic Design, Illustration, Motion Design, Animation, Video Production, Web Design and more.

The course features live briefs, providing hands-on experience in solving real design challenges and meeting client expectations. Students utilise industry-standard Adobe tools and emerging technologies to align with current practices. A strong emphasis is placed on developing a professional work ethic, fostering imagination and initiative.

Students gain expertise in content creation for marketing, social media advertising, promotions and campaigns. The intersection of design with live performance and conceptual art is also explored for a holistic approach to visual communication.

Career preparation is a key focus, with students curating high-quality portfolios and showreels reflecting their individual styles.

Core Modules

- Advanced Digital Design Studies
- Applied Collaborative Practice
- Applied Practice Collaborative Project (Pearson Set)
- Brand Professional Development
- Contextual Studies

- Creative Industries Placement
- Digital Design Practices
- Individual Project (Pearson Set)
- Professional Development
- Professional Practice
- Screen-based Practices
- Techniques and Processes

Optional Modules

- Communication in Art and Design
- Conceptual Practice
- Creative Industries Placement
- Moving Image
- Professional Practice
- Screen Based Practice
- Techniques and Processes
- Visual Narratives

Entry Requirements

UK: 32 UCAS Points plus GCSE (Grade C or above) in English;

ROI: 32 UCAS Points plus OLC (Grade O5 or above) in English.

Interview also required for all applicants.

Assessment

This course is 100% coursework based and has a main focus on portfolio development for style and quality. Students will work on tasks which match pass/merit/distinction outcomes for each unit.

Eventually units will merge to create Major Projects in which students will begin to understand the nature of synergy between the areas of graphic design for Print, Motion Design, Video Production and Web-based applications.

This structure lends itself to real world industry scenarios. Ideally the student will be working on live projects while being graded at the same time.

Work Placement

Work Placement is part of the wider programme of learning and aims to bridge the transition from college to employment.

Work experience, as described in this brief, can take a variety of forms:

- Shadowing professionals
- Freelance operation (freelance job sourced individually or provided by the College)
- Traditional placement (within a College company model or external company/business)

The Work Placement portfolio may comprise one or more of the above types. This brief does not prescribe any one form of work experience and can combine the above categories; negotiation with unit staff is essential to help you decide on the best form of work experience related to your intended career pathway.

As a professional, learning is a continuous and life-long process. Within the creative industries there is constant change in technology, materials, processes, legislation and practice.

In order to remain up-to-date, it is necessary to recognise the potential of both structured, classroom-based learning and the learning that is gained through professional activities in the studio, office, workshop or on-site. Whether through a traditional industry placement, a freelance opportunity or a simulated industry situation, it is important for students to recognise key industry structures and their related employment patterns and characteristics.

Effective workplace learning requires both the application of a skillset and the implementation of appropriate attitudes and behaviours. The development of broader employability attributes and the recognition that transferable skills are likely to generate and enhance employment opportunities within the creative industries.

Work Placement provides a framework in which students have the opportunity to reflect upon and contextualise the learning that they gain from working within the industry.

In coordination with tutors and an employer, students will define the scope, duration and content of their expected work-based learning experience. Throughout the period of their work-based learning experience, students will be expected to record their experience and reflect upon their own learning.

Further Study

You can progress into any relevant degree programme at university or begin to explore employment opportunities in this creative field.

Students can enter directly into Year 2, and in some cases even into Year 3 on relevant Degree courses at University.

Your Future Career

Potential career pathways include:

- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Motion Design
- Video Production
- Animation
- UX/UI Design
- Digital Marketing
- Advertising





Open University BA (Hons) Level 6 Top-Up Degree Creative Industries*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)

Awarding Body
Open University

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Progression
 



Course Overview

Upgrade your Level 5 HND in Film and TV, Journalism or Digital Design to a Bachelor's degree with our one-year top up BSc (Hons) Creative Media Industries.

You will have the opportunity to create a body of work of a professional standard which can enhance your employability skills within various creative industry contexts.

The top up course will enhance your creative and technical abilities using facilities with our recently upgraded TV and radio studio.

With help from our experienced and industry focused teaching team, the skills and knowledge from completing a BSc in Creative Media will enhance employability within a variety of creative media contexts including TV production, animation, journalism, marketing, and web design and development.

On the top-up degree, you will have timetabled teaching activities such as lectures, seminars and tutorials including independent study with support from our team.

Pathways of study:

Film and TV:

- Pre-Production Techniques
- Film Production
- Audio Production
- Photography

Journalism:

- Roles in Journalism
- Law and Ethics
- Journalism Practice
- Journalism Techniques
- Professional Practice

Core Modules

- Technologies in the Creative Industries
- Research Methods for Creative Industries
- Final Project

Additional modules depend on pathway chosen:

Film Pathway:

- Film Production
- Digital Marketing and Advertising

Digital Design Pathway:

- (UX/UI) User Experience and User Interface Design
- Digital Marketing and Advertising

Journalism Pathway:

- Practical Journalism
- Digital Journalism and Portfolio

Entry Requirements

UK: Higher National Diploma in Film and TV, Journalism or Digital Design plus GCSE English Grade C OR Essential Skills Level 2 Communications;

ROI: Higher National Diploma in Film and TV, Journalism or Digital Design or equivalent. plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) to include English;

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) will also be considered for entry - see page 36.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Assessments will include practical projects, written reports, presentations, portfolios and a final dissertation.

Many modules will be assessed through Project Based Learning.

Further Study

Graduates could progress into employment or have the knowledge / skills to set up own business specialising in web design, event management, video production or become freelancer in a specialist area within the creative industries sector.

In addition, successful learners may progress directly to university undertaking further studies at Masters degree level or similar.

Your Future Career

Potential career pathways include:

- Animation
- Video production
- TV production
- Journalism
- Digital print design



Music



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MUSIC COURSES



Career Paths

- › Singer / Musician
- › Songwriter
- › Composer
- › Sound Technician
- › Tour Manager
- › DJ
- › Studio Engineer
- › Music Producer
- ...plus many more!



Hey everyone! My name is **Aimee Gallagher** and I'm 20 years old. I'm currently studying the **HND in Music** here at the College 🎤🎵

I went to St Mary's College before I decided to pursue Music at NWRC.



FUN FACT: When she's not singing Aimee takes aerial hoop classes. Aimee also performed during the College's 2024 Graduation ceremony with fellow music student, Conor Lynch (above).

Scan the QR code to meet other students like me and find out why we love NWRC.



Why did you decide to study Music at NWRC?

I've always known I wanted to study Music, and the HND was the perfect choice for me. It's got a modern curriculum that teaches all the skills essential for today's performers—how to rehearse and perform live gigs, make the most of studio recording sessions, and navigate the business side of the industry.

I absolutely love my course! The lecturers are amazing—they're super supportive and always there to help. They've really encouraged me to put myself out there and start singing 💕💕

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RSL Level 2 Traineeship Music Practitioners (Technology)

Course Code
601/7992/2

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Additional Fees
Equipment: Headphones

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression

Course Overview
This course explores core components of music production such as recording, music sequencing, promotion and DJing.

Upon completion you should have acquired the experience and qualification required to be a suitable candidate for one of our Level 3 courses in music production or music performance.

You will learn and develop technical and creative skills as well as insight into the workings of the modern music industry. Our facilities include sound proofed practice rooms, recording studios, apple mac suites, a 170 seat performance theatre and the latest DJ equipment.

Assessment will be largely practical in nature with students taking part in various music production activities across the year.

- Core Modules**
- Music Sequencing
- Optional Modules**
- DJ skills
 - Remixing and production
 - Music Style in Context
 - Using a Digital Audio Workstation with a Keyboard
 - Sound Recording
 - Careers in Music
 - Composing for Media

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G to include Maths and English Grade E or above plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5-O8 or above to include Maths and English at Grade O6 or above plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

Assessments are a mix of practical activities, projects and reports.

Further Study
Potential to progress onto one of our Level 3 courses in music production or music performance (subject to interview/ audition).

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry in a variety of careers.

Past students are currently working as performers, studio producers, lecturers, live sound engineers, road managers, songwriters, composers, recording engineers, college technicians and session musicians.



RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative Music Industry (Performance)

Course Code
603/5396/X (Subsidiary Diploma)
603/5398/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

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Progression

Course Overview
If music is your passion, this exciting modern music course could enable you to pursue a career in the music industry. You will need to sing or play an instrument already.

Our facilities include 170 seat theatre, practice rooms, recording studios and Apple Mac suites. Learn and develop technical skills and benefit from the knowledge and experience of tutors and technicians who are actively working in the music industry. Benefit from meeting like-minded peers, develop your musicality, creativity and learn new skills to prepare you for a career in the music industry.

Previous students like ROE, Cherym, Elma Orkestra (and more) have gone on to be NI Music Prize winners. Students have also won three 1st prizes in the MUSIC SKILLS NI Inter College competitions as well as Gold and Silver in the UK World Skills Popular Music competition, and countless students have gone on to have successful careers working in all areas of the music industry.

- Core Modules**
- Performing Music Live
- Optional Modules**
- Rehearsing Music
 - Collaborative Project
 - Listening to Music
 - Performing as a Session Musician
 - Music Theory
 - Using a Keyboard with a Digital Audio Workstation
 - Practical Musicianship
 - Performing Music for Recording

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit, OR Level 2 Diploma in Music plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students produce a portfolio of practical work that is assessed. A wide range of assessment methods are used, such as practical performances, compositions, reports and projects.

Work Placement
International partnership projects over many years with music colleges in Finland, Estonia and Scotland have created exciting opportunities for travel and cultural exchange which have benefited many students.

Further Study
Progress to higher level courses with NWRC or to a Degree programme at university. Many of our HND students have topped up to a full Honours Degree with just one additional year of study in England through our articulation agreements with Leeds College of Music and Leeds Beckett.

Your Future Career
Past students are currently working as performers, studio producers, lecturers, live sound engineers, road managers, songwriters, composers, recording engineers, college technicians and session musicians.





RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative Music Industry (Production)*

Course Code
603/5396/X (Subsidiary Diploma)
603/5398/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
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Progression



Course Overview
If you have a passion for music, but are more interested in working behind the scenes, then our production pathway is the course for you. We focus on four main strands of work within the industry: music production, composition, studio and live music production. We also offer optional modules in DJ'ing, and instrumental and vocal performers may be able to work alongside the performers in the performance pathway in band /ensemble modules (subject to availability).

You will have access to two studios, apple macs with industry standard software, five practice rooms and a 170 seat theatre. You will be given the opportunity to develop technical and creative skills as well as knowledge and insight into the workings of the modern music industry.

Lecturers are highly experienced practitioners who continue to work in the music industry. Assessments are practical and always related to current industry standards and practices. You will be encouraged to collaborate with your classmates and with students from the wider college community.

Core Modules
• Music Sequencing and Production
• Digital Recording and Production

Optional Modules
• Composing for Media Destinations
• Practical Sound Reinforcement
• Studio sound mixing
• Producing a music video
• DJ Skills
• Listening to Music
• Music Industry Revenue Flow

- Working in the Music Industry
- Live Event Lighting
- Analogue Synthesis

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. A wide range of assessment methods are used including things like music production projects, observations of practical work, presentations and reports. By the end of the course students will have compiled a portfolio of practical work that will enhance their employment prospects.

Further Study
This course will enable students to progress to higher level courses such as our own HND in Music Production or to a degree course at university.

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry straight away. Our previous students have gone on to become Performers, Composers, DJs, Producers, Tour Managers, Promoters, Studio Engineers, Live Engineers, Lighting Engineers, Programmers and Artist Managers.



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Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Modern Music Performance

Course Code

TBC

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

The Open University

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Non-term time

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Progression



**Subject to validation*

Course Overview

If you have a passion for music, this dynamic course can open the door to a career in the music industry. You will need the ability to sing or play an instrument. Throughout the course, you will develop the skills essential for today's performers, including how to rehearse and perform at live gigs, maximize studio recording sessions, and navigate the business side of the industry. The program combines performance, theory, aural training, and composition with technology skills, offering a well-rounded learning experience.

Our outstanding facilities include rehearsal spaces, state-of-the-art recording studios, Apple Mac suites, and a 170-seat theatre. You will have the opportunity to hone your technical skills and gain insights from industry-experienced tutors.

Our alumni have achieved notable success, including winning first prizes in the MUSIC SKILLS NI inter-college competitions and earning Gold and Silver in the UK World Skills Popular Music competitions in recent years.

Core Modules

- The Music Entrepreneur
- Advanced Performance and Composition
- Work based Learning
- Music Industry Fundamentals
- Performance Techniques
- Composition Techniques
- Marketing and Promotion
- Creative Research
- Professional Development
- Music Industry

Optional Modules

- Fundamentals of Composition
- Composing Using Technology
- Applied Music Theory
- Performing
- Songwriting
- Advanced Performance Skills
- Live arrangement Skills
- Project Management
- Composing to a Brief
- Musicology

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS Points, GCSE English Grade A to C or equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview / audition.

ROI: 48 UCAS Points, GCSE English Grade A to C or equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview/ audition.

Assessment

100% Coursework. The course is assessed using project based learning. Most units are a mixture of practical and theoretical elements and all units are assessed via coursework assignments.

Further Study

Students can progress to the top-up program at NWRC which will result in a full Honours Degree. Students also have the option to progress to top-up at other universities or colleges.

Your Future Career

The course provides invaluable, real life scenarios that prepare graduates for work in the industry as session musicians, music producers, sound engineers, teachers, managers, composers and more.



Open University Level 5 Foundation Degree Music Production (Studio and Stage)

Course Code

TBC

Campus

Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study

2 Years

Awarding Body

The Open University

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Non-term time

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Progression



**Subject to validation*

Course Overview

This course offers a pathway into the dynamic world of the music industry. While the ability to play an instrument is not required, a keen ear for music and an interest in a broad spectrum of genres are essential. You will gain hands-on experience in music production, both in recording and live settings, and collaborate with musicians to create original works and complete live projects. Additionally, the course covers the business aspects of the music industry.

By the end of the program, you will have built a comprehensive portfolio and developed a personalised career plan. Our exceptional facilities include cutting-edge recording studios, practice rooms, Apple Mac creative suites equipped with the latest music software, and a purpose-built 170-seat theatre.

Throughout the course, you will enhance your technical abilities and benefit from the expertise of industry-active tutors. Upon completion, you will be well-prepared to pursue a career in the music industry or continue your studies at a higher level.

Core Modules

- Music Industry Fundamentals
- Studio Techniques
- Stage Techniques
- The Music Entrepreneur
- Advanced Studio and Stage
- Work based learning
- Music industry
- Marketing and promotion
- Professional development
- Creative research

Optional Modules

- Composing using technology
- Arranging and remixing
- Sound engineering fundamentals
- Live sound techniques
- Music production fundamentals
- Advanced music production
- Mixing and mastering
- Musicology
- Advanced composing using technology
- Sound for media products
- Project management

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS Points, GCSE English Grade A to C or equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview and/or audition.

ROI: 48 UCAS Points equivalent plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory interview and/or audition.

Assessment

100% Coursework. The course is focused on practical project based learning. Each unit has written elements usually around planning, written reports and self reflection.

Further Study

Students can progress to the top-up program at NWRC which will result in a full Honours Degree. Students also have the option to progress to top-up at other universities or colleges.

Your Future Career

This course gives a general grounding in all aspects of the music industry with a specialism in technical music production in the studio and for stage. Graduates will leave prepared for a career as a professional in the music industry.

Performing Arts



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Career Paths

- > Actor
- > Dancer
- > Theatre Director
- > Choreographer
- > Scriptwriter
- > Set and Sound Designer
- > Stage Manager
- > Lighting Technician
- ...plus many more!



Hi guys! My name is **Joshua Miller** 🌟
I studied the **HNC in Performing Arts**
at NWRC before moving to London to
study Musical Theatre at Trinity Labian
Conservatoire of Music and Dance.



FUN FACT: Joshua is also the lead guitarist
for the band Saleo from Omagh 🎸🎵

Scan the QR code to meet other students
like me and find out why we love NWRC.



**What was the highlight of
your year at the College?**

I played the part of Jesus in the College's 2024
production of Superstar Live. I had the right physical
look for the role with my long hair and beard. The
audition was intense, but I had a feeling I got the part.
It was such a brilliant experience performing in front of
a live audience! 🙌🌟

Future plans?

At the moment I'm just enjoying my time in London,
and all the experiences that come with that. I love
performing and being on the stage so I'm looking
forward to a future career in that field.

**MEET
JOSHUA**

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RSL Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma Creative and Performing Arts (Performing and Creating)

Course Code
601/8616/1 (Diploma)
601/8617/3 (Extended Diploma)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Rockschool Ltd (RSL)

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview
This exciting course provides an exceptional opportunity for anyone drawn to the world of theatre. You will explore the back-stage and on-stage disciplines of theatre. With a strong emphasis on personal creativity, the course provides a unique view of performance and production. It is a rewarding alternative to the traditional A-Level route. Equivalent to 3 A-Levels, it links theoretical preparation in lectures and workshops with practical classes.

Based on the idea of repertory theatre, students undertake public performances and musical / dance showcases. Students have been prize winners in the Northern Ireland Inter College Performing Arts Competitions.

The course is based in the Foyle Performance Theatre, complete with dressing rooms, costume store, stage craft and property workshops. AV equipment are of the highest professional standard. You will gain an invaluable insight into the world of theatre and develop professional skills in both public performance and technical support.

- Core Modules**
- Performance Preparation
 - Final Production

- Optional Modules**
- Elizabethan or Jacobean Theatre
 - Planning for a Career in Creative and Performing Arts
 - Set Design

- Vocal Techniques - Music
- Voice Over Acting
- Stage Management
- Dance Techniques and Performance
- Audition Techniques
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Acting for Camera
- Theatre in Education

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) or equivalent (e.g. Level 2 Diploma in Music) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Cert Applied – Merit or equivalent (e.g. level 2 diploma) plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition/ interview.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Students produce a portfolio of practical work that is assessed. The focus of assessment is on practical work supported by evaluations, reports and presentations.

Further Study
This course will develop your skills and insights to support potential progress to HND or university level in related fields.

Your Future Career
This course will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification and skills which can lead to working in the industry in a variety of careers.





Pearson BTEC Level 4/5 Higher National Certificate / Diploma Performing Arts (General/Acting Pathway)

Course Code
603/2377/2 (HNC)
603/2377/2 (HND)

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year (HNC)
2 Years (HND)

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
 



Course Overview
In Year 1 students will study towards a HNC (general pathway) with the option to progress onto Year 2 of a HND in a specialist area of study.

This dynamic, multi-disciplinary course offers a pathway to diverse careers both on stage and behind the scenes, including roles in community performing arts, broadcasting, dance, and professional theatre.

Building on your prior qualifications and experience, the program enables you to enhance your skills in preparation for further studies at university level.

Students in the course have consistently earned top prizes at the Northern Ireland Inter College Performing Arts Competitions.

The course is taught in the state-of-the-art Foyle Building, which features a 170-seat theatre, dressing rooms, stage craft room, costume store, rehearsal rooms and recording studios. Lighting and sound equipment are of the highest professional standards. Students have the chance to participate in numerous public performances, gaining valuable experience both on stage and in off-stage support roles.

Recent productions have included ambitious live theatre adaptations of films like Romeo and Juliet, Moulin Rouge and Shaun of the Dead.

Core Modules

- Professional Development
- The Performing Arts Industry
- Creative Research

Optional Modules

- Acting 1
- Acting 2
- Acting for camera
- Auditioning
- Choreography 1
- Choreography 2
- Dance for camera
- Directing
- Management role
- Musical Theatre History in Practice (singing/ acting)
- Physical theatre
- Sound Operation
- Stagecraft
- Working in the Performing Arts Industry

Entry Requirements
32 UCAS Points, plus satisfactory standard achieved at mandatory audition / interview.

Students with acting, dance or technical theatre experience are encouraged to apply.

Assessment
100% Coursework.

The assessment of the course is split between practical assessments, performances and written submissions; with an emphasis on project based learning.

Further Study
Students can progress to second year in a number of drama / performing arts degree courses at UCLAN, Queens, Ulster University and onto third year at the University of West of Scotland (UWS).

Previous students have also progressed to further study at LAMDA, RADA, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and Mountview.

Your Future Career
Students can go on to work in a variety of areas within the arts including professional acting for stage and screen, backstage industries such as stage management, lighting, set and sound design and education.



Science



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Career Paths

- › Veterinary Nurse
 - › Forensic Scientist
 - › Dietitian
 - › Chemistry Teacher
 - › Pharmacist
 - › Geneticist
 - › Medical Lab Assistant
 - › Biochemist
- ...plus many more!*





MEET ELAINE

Hi! My name is **Elaine McLaughlin** and I'm the owner of Carlisle Road Health & Foot Clinic where I also work as a Senior Podiatrist 🧐

I previously attended St Cecilia's College before coming to NWRC to study **Science**.



FUN FACT: Elaine has attended Glastonbury Festival three times where she worked as the emergency foot doctor

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What did you do after your time at the College?

I studied at the Durham School of Podiatric Medicine where I achieved a BSc in Podiatry with Distinction. I opened my own clinic when I was just 22. The following year I won the 1994 'Livewire Northern Ireland' title where the judges said they were convinced I had the necessary business acumen for long-term success. They were right! Carlisle Road Health & Foot Care is now celebrating its 31st year in business! 🥳🥳🥳

Any other achievements you are especially proud of?

I'm passionate about encouraging young people into health professions, so I was thrilled to receive an Honorary Award at the 2024 NWRC Higher Education & Access Graduation ceremony for Contribution to Healthcare and Mentoring of Students.

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City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistants

Course Code
600/0106/9

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
City & Guilds

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

Course Overview
If you are passionate about animals and their health and wellbeing then this is the course for you.

The modern veterinary care service provider employs Veterinary Surgeons, Veterinary Nurses and Veterinary Care Assistants. This qualification is designed for those tasked with providing care to animals in a veterinary care environment under the direction and/or supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon. It is designed to provide practical competence and the underpinning knowledge that is relevant to the role of veterinary career in a modern veterinary practice while containing additional skills and knowledge which go beyond the scope of the National Occupational Standards. It provides a valuable alternative for learners who do not have access to other qualifications.

- Core Modules**
- Principles and Practices of Animal Handling and Care in the Veterinary Environment
 - Principles and Practices of Assisting with Care in the Veterinary Environment
 - Principles and Practices of Administrative Duties in the Veterinary Care Environment

Entry Requirements
There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, securing a work placement or being employed by a Veterinary Practice is a mandatory requirement.

An Unconditional Offer will not be issued until proof of placement / employment is provided.

Assessment
100% Coursework. Assessed using the following methods: placement portfolio, practical skills observations and written coursework (reports, leaflets, case studies, diagrams, definition sheets, written tests, posters and log books).

Work Placement
Over the course of the year, students will work in a veterinary setting, under the supervision of a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon. Students will need to complete a minimum of 600 hours in a veterinary practice.

Securing a work placement or being employed by a Veterinary Practice is a mandatory entry requirement.

Please note that while the Employer Liaison Officer can assist prospective students in finding a placement, it is ultimately the students responsibility to secure their own placement.

- Further Study**
On completion of this qualification students could potentially progress into employment or to the following qualifications:
- Vetskill Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing at NWRC
 - City & Guilds Level 2 and 3 Awards in Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines
 - Other related Level 3 qualifications

Your Future Career
These qualifications can help you to progress in your career as a veterinary care assistant.



City & Guilds Level 3 Foundation Diploma Applied Science (1 year fast track)

Course Code
601/7438/9

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
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Progression

Course Overview
Unlock Your Future with a Fast Track Science A-Level alternative!

Are you looking for a flexible and efficient way to achieve an alternative to Science A-Levels? Look no further! Our one year alternative course is designed to meet the needs of students who require a qualification to top-up UCAS points or specific Science units for a streamlined progression to Higher Education.

- **Flexibility** - This course is tailored to fit your unique learning style and schedule.
- **Supportive Environment** - Ideal for students who need a more adaptable approach to education

Join us at NWRC Limavady and take the next step towards your academic and career goals. Don't let traditional routes hold you back, our one-year Science A-Level alternative is here to help you succeed!

- Core Modules**
- Principles and Applications of Science I
 - Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
 - Science Investigation Skills
 - Laboratory Techniques and their Application

Optional Modules
Two optional units from a choice of Biology, Chemistry and Physics based units.

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths.

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths; OR Leaving Cert Applied - (Merit) to include one Science elective module.

- Assessment**
67% Coursework, 33% Exam.
- Write up research findings
 - Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations
 - Demonstrate practical / technical skills using appropriate equipment, procedures and techniques

Internal assessment can also include observation of practical work as well as laboratory written reports, many with a strong focus on practical work and industry related knowledge.

The two external assessments are based on practical skills, research development, knowledge and application across biology, chemistry, and physics contexts.

Further Study
This one year course will enable students to achieve a maximum of 84 UCAS points and progress to higher education courses including the Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Sciences offered at NWRC or University Degree courses.

Your Future Career
This qualification provides a pathway to careers in:

Biomedical Science, Pharmaceutical Science, Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Paramedical Science, Physiotherapy, Podiatry and Occupational Therapy.



Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma / National Extended Diploma Applied Science

Course Code
601/7437/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

This fascinating course provides the equivalent of 3 A-Levels and enables the exploration of laboratory and field techniques of the applied scientist. It will provide you with a wide range of essential knowledge, skills and practical techniques for the science sector or further study.

Learners can exit at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science or progress onto Year 2, to achieve the National Extended Diploma in Applied Science.

The course has a strong focus on the application of theory to real-life industrial settings and will deepen your science knowledge, allowing the opportunity for progression pathways in employment and further study in a range of applied science areas.

This course is combined of both external and internal assignments. There are opportunities for project development and to enter World Skills competitions. Learners should expect to attend classes delivered over four days per week.

Core Modules

- Principles and Applications of Science I
- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Science Investigation Skills

- Laboratory Techniques and their Application
- Principles and Application of Science II
- Investigative Project
- Contemporary Issues in Science

Optional Modules

A combination of six optional units.

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including a Science subject, English and Maths

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths; OR Leaving Cert Applied - (Merit) to include one Science elective module.

Assessment

58% Coursework, 42% Exam.

Learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help you develop a broad range of transferable skills.

- Write up research findings
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations;
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes;
- Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate equipment, procedures and techniques.

Internal assessment can also include observation of practical work as well as laboratory written reports, many with a strong focus on practical work and industry related knowledge.

The external assessments (two in Year1 and two in Year 2) are exams based on practical skills, research development, knowledge and application across biology, chemistry, and physics contexts on a par with traditional A-Levels.

Further Study

This course provides the equivalent of 3 A-Levels.

You can progress to a range of Higher Education courses such as the Ulster University Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Sciences or onto BSc Hons or MSc degree programmes such as Forensic Science, Criminology, Analytical Chemistry, Biomedical Science, Veterinary Science, Radiography, Environmental Science, as well as traditional routes such as biology, chemistry and physics HE courses.

The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting, or contributing to, admission requirements for many relevant Science courses.

It also provides the skills for direct route into employment within the science sector or higher level apprenticeships.

Your Future Career

A qualification in applied science will help you to develop the understanding, knowledge and skills needed to work in a broad range of jobs in this industry.

These could include:

- Agricultural Research Scientist
- Ambulance Paramedic
- Analytical Scientist
- Audiologist
- Biochemist
- Biologist
- Biomedical Scientist
- Chemical Engineer
- Chemical Plant Process Operator
- Dental Nurse
- Food Scientist
- Health and Safety Inspector
- Laboratory Technician
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Veterinary Nurse

Both the Science Council and the Royal Society of Chemistry endorse the course as a qualification that can lead to professional recognition as a registered science technician.

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma / National Extended Diploma Applied Science (Biomedical Science)

Course Code
601/7437/7

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview
If you have ever wondered how your body works and what happens when things go wrong then this is the course for you. This two year qualification provides an insight into working within biomedical science, pathology, microbiology, genetics, haematology, and medical physics professions, alongside a strong focus on the application of biological concepts within industry.

Learners can exit the course at the end of Year 1, obtaining a National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science or progress onto Year 2 to achieve the full National Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Biomedical Science).

The requirements of the qualification will help you to develop the transferable and practical skills that are highly regarded by both HE and employers. Within the course there are biomedical science units which allow an insight into this specialist area combining of optional modules (subject to change), opening doors into both employment and further study in a range of applied science areas. There are also opportunities for project development and the potential to enter World Skills competitions.

- Core Modules**
- Contemporary Issues of Science
 - Investigative Project
 - Laboratory Techniques and their Application
 - Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
 - Principles and Applications of Science I and II
 - Science Investigation Skills

- Optional Modules**
- Biological Molecules and Metabolic Pathways
 - Biomedical Science
 - Diseases and Infection
 - Genetics and Genetic Engineering
 - Medical Physics Applications
 - Microbiology and Microbiological Techniques
 - Physiology of Human Body Systems
 - Practical Chemical Analysis

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths

ROI: 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including a Science subject, plus English and Maths; OR Leaving Cert Applied - (Merit) to include one Science elective module.

Assessment
58% Coursework, 42% Exam. Learners are assessed using a variety of styles to help you develop a broad range of transferable skills.

- Write up research findings;
- Use case studies to explore complex or unfamiliar situations;
- Carry out projects for which they have choice over the direction and outcomes;
- Demonstrate practical and technical skills using appropriate equipment, procedures and techniques.

Internal assessment can also include observation of practical work as well as laboratory written reports, many with a strong focus on practical work and industry related knowledge.

The external assessments (2 in year 1, 2 in year 2) are exams based on practical skills, research development, knowledge and application across biology, chemistry, and physics contexts on a par with traditional A-levels.

Further Study
You can progress to higher education courses, including the Foundation Degree in Applied and Medical Sciences course offered at NWRC or Honours Degree courses in Biological or Biomedical Sciences, Marine and Environmental Sciences, Pharmacology, Veterinary Science, Radiography, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy among others.

Your Future Career
A qualification in applied science will help you to develop the skills, knowledge required to work in a broad range of careers, including:

- Agricultural Research Scientist
- Ambulance Paramedic
- Audiologist
- Biochemist
- Biomedical Scientist
- Chemical Engineer
- Chemical Plant Process Operator
- Food Scientist
- Laboratory Technician
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Microbiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist

Recognised by both the Science Council and Royal Society of Chemistry as a course which will contribute to a professional qualification of RSciTech.





Vetskill VTEC Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal)

Course Code
610/1211/7

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2.5 Years (Full-Time or Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Vetskill

Course Contact
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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression

Course Overview
If you have the ambition of becoming a Registered Veterinary Nurse then look no further than the VetSkill VTEC Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal). This qualification will provide you with the practical competence and underpinning knowledge required to join the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses.

It has been designed to develop Veterinary Nurses with a holistic approach to their work, a passion for making a difference to the lives of animals, and a solid understanding of their professional responsibilities.

It covers the following species: cat, dog, rabbit and guinea pig. The course is delivered by a team of highly skilled and experienced teaching staff who are occupationally knowledgeable and technically competent.

You will learn on the job, in the work environment, as well as in college. Embedded within this qualification is the content required for a Student Veterinary Nurse to become a Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) for Companion Animals.

- Core Modules**
- Anaesthesia and Theatre Nursing Skills
 - Diagnostic Principles
 - Life Stage Nursing Care and Support
 - Pharmacology and Dispensary Management
 - Practical Veterinary Nursing Skills 2

- Principles of Veterinary Nursing Care 1 and 2
- Professional Veterinary Nursing responsibilities
- Surgical Nursing and Patient Care

Entry Requirements
UK: Students must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades A*-C (or 9-4), including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject to register as a Student Veterinary Nurse with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and start this programme.

ROI: Students must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of 5 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject to register as a Student Veterinary Nurse with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) to start this programme.

If you do not meet the GCSE / OLC requirement, there are alternative qualifications that may be acceptable, such as Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths being acceptable equivalents to GCSEs / OLCs in English Language and Mathematics.

Securing a placement or being employed at an RCVS approved training practice is a mandatory entry requirement for this course. An Unconditional Offer will not be issued until proof of placement/employment is provided.

Assessment
60% Coursework; 40% Exam.
Completion of a placement portfolio, written assignments/case studies, multiple-choice online examinations, formative practical skills assessment, RCVS Day One Skills for Veterinary Nursing and OSCEs (Objective Structured Clinical Examinations).

Work Placement
Students will work in a veterinary setting under the supervision of a fully qualified Veterinary Surgeon. Students must complete a minimum of 1,800 hours in a veterinary practice. Securing a placement or being employed at an RCVS approved training practice is a mandatory entry requirement. An Unconditional Offer will not be issued until proof of placement/employment is provided.

Please note that while the Employer Liaison Officer can assist prospective students in finding a placement, it is ultimately the students responsibility to secure their own placement.

Further Study
Students may progress onto other higher-level qualifications within the sector including the BSc Veterinary Nursing programme.

Your Future Career
On successful completion of the course, graduates may register with the RCVS as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN). This allows progression directly into employment within the Veterinary Nursing Sector. Further career opportunities include working as Specialist Veterinary Nurse or Practice Managers.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Applied Science (Bioscience)*

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years (Full-Time)
3 Years (Part-Time)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
(028) 7127 6000

Progression
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Course Overview

This programme replaces the Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Applied and Medical Sciences. It aims to provide a vocationally relevant science education for those wishing to follow careers in a wide range of science disciplines; producing competent individuals to meet local, regional and national needs by providing a good mix of scientific theory along with the practical skills necessary for further study or employment within a range of science disciplines.

With a varied and well-planned curriculum, delivered by supportive and expert staff, knowledge and understanding is developed through lectures, practical classes, group discussion and independent research. Cognitive skills are developed by researching information, statistical analysis, effective communication, critical analysis, and self-evaluation.

The course is designed to be practical and, therefore, applied skills are developed through practical laboratory classes and laboratory simulations. Transferable skills are crucial to your progression and employability. This course aims to develop these skills through presentations, scientific writing, analysis and interpretation of results, group work, problem solving, research and critical evaluation; all of which will enhance personal development and career prospects.

- Core Modules**
- Academic Skills and Statistics
 - Analytical Methodologies
 - Biochemistry and Human Nutrition

- Cell Biology, Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry and Biology for Bioscience
- Chemistry and Pharmacology
- Developing Skills for Industry - Laboratory Skills
- Human Physiology and Anatomy
- Introduction to Biology and Chemistry for Bioscience
- Introduction to Evidence Based Professional Practice
- Introduction to Laboratory Practice for Applied and Medical Sciences
- Laboratory Skills and Safety
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Physiology and Anatomy
- Professional Practice and GLP
- Professional Practice in the Laboratory
- Scientific Communication, Maths and Statistics for Bioscience
- Work Based Learning 1 and 2

Entry Requirements

UK: 48 UCAS points including an A-Level pass in a science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or equivalent), AND GCSE English Grade C or equivalent (e.g. Essential Skills Level 2 Communications) and GCSE Maths Grade C or equivalent (Level 2 Essential Skills Numeracy is not accepted). Interview required.

ROI: 48 UCAS points consisting of passes in five approved subjects to include a minimum of 3 at Higher Leaving Cert Pass (Grade D/H6) one of which should be in Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or equivalent) + OLC (Grade O4 or above) to include Maths and English. Interview required.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may be considered for entry. See page 36 for details.

Assessment
60% Coursework, 40% Exam.

This course is assessed by a variety of assessment methods to include written reports, examinations, work-based projects and portfolio, academic poster presentations, workplace observation of practice and tests of practical competence.

Work Placement
In your final year, you are expected to complete work-based learning module(s) which will consist of a total of 320 hours of placement - a great opportunity to boost your CV.

Further Study
Students from this course can progress to Year 2 of a range of related Degree programmes at Ulster University or elsewhere; or Year 1 of a wide range of degree courses.

Your Future Career
As a result of completing this course you may also explore employment opportunities in this field which could include:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Dietetic Assistant
- Cardiology Technician
- Audiology Technician
- Basic Level Pharmacology Staff
- School Technician
- Assistant Grade Professional

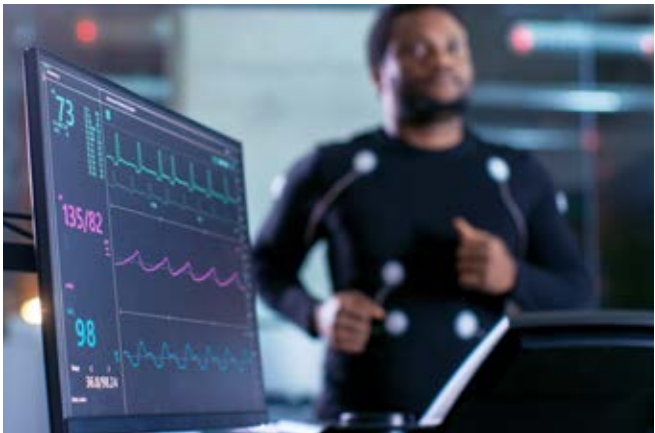


Sport & Fitness



Career Paths

- › Coach
- › Personal Trainer
- › Sport Massage Therapist
- › Physiotherapist
- › Emergency Services
- › PE Teacher
- › Sports Science
- › Paramedic
- ...plus many more!



MEET CHLOE & JUDITH

**Photos courtesy of Paralympics Ireland*



Hi, we're **Chloe & Judith MacCombe** and we are the Tandem Twins! We studied the **Level 3 Exercise Referral** and **Level 3 Personal Training** courses at NWRC.

We represented Team Ireland at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. We both competed in the Triathlon event which involved a swim of 750m, 20km cycle and 5km run.



FUN FACT: The sisters also enjoy sports such as rugby, karate, and rowing, and play the clarinet, flute, piano and guitar 🎵

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What's it like to compete against your sister?

We were diagnosed at birth with a form of albinism which means our vision is restricted to around one third of that of a person with 20/20 vision. We're very close, but also very competitive...

There's always a mix of emotions when one twin overtakes the other. At first, it's exciting — "Yay!" — but then reality hits and you think: "Right, now I have to catch her!" Our sibling rivalry is intense, but we also motivate and support each other to always give our best 🥰💖👊



OCN NI Level 2 Traineeship Sport

Course Code
603/2566/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
1 Year

Awarding Body
Open College Network NI (OCN NI)

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Non-term time
Admissions Office
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Progression
 



Course Overview

This programme is designed to provide students with a qualification equivalent to at least 4 GCSEs. This traineeship offers an excellent foundation for those aspiring to further education or a career in the sports and leisure industry.

In addition to an OCN Level 2 in Sport the Traineeship programme consists of an OCN in Transversal Skills, Essential Skills and work placement. You will be required to complete Essential Skills in Literacy and Numeracy if you do not have a GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English and Maths.

You will have the opportunity to gain coaching skills and real-life industry experience. The learning experience combines written coursework and practical activities, you will begin to develop knowledge and skills required for progression to higher level sports courses or employment in the sports and leisure industry. You will study several units across the programme including Anatomy, Coaching Sport, Fitness for Sport, Fitness Testing, Community Engagement as well as outdoor activities such as orienteering and canoeing.

Core Modules

- Outdoor adventures
- Fitness for Sport and Exercise
- Lifestyle Improvement
- Plan and Deliver a Sports Activity Session
- Using Technology in Sport
- Sports Coaching
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Applied Fitness Testing
- OCN Level 2 in Transversal Skills

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSEs Grade D-G or above to include Maths Grade E and English Grade D or above.

ROI: 4 OLCs Grade O5 - O8 or above to include Maths at O6 and English O5 or above.

Assessment

100% Coursework. Course is assessed entirely through coursework - no external exams.

Work Placement

The Traineeship has a compulsory work placement. Students will be required to complete at least 60hrs in a relevant work place, e.g. Leisure Centre, Fitness centre.

Further Study

Excellent progression pathway to our Level 3 programmes in Sport.

Successful students can progress to any of our Level 3 Sport programmes such: Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, Fitness and Personal Training, Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services.

Your Future Career

Successful students who gain extra qualifications to the Level 2 in Sport may wish to progress to employment.

These extra qualifications include coaching awards through the College's Coach Education Programme and also the YMCA Level 2 Fitness Instructor and Level 3 Personal Trainer.



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Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma Sport and Exercise Science

Course Code
601/7422/5

Campus
Derry~Londonderry
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This comprehensive and well-regarded course prepares students for university study and careers in various sports-related fields, including sports therapy, sports nutrition, performance analysis, PE teaching, physiotherapy, sports injuries, and strength and conditioning. Equivalent to three A-Levels, it attracts UCAS points, facilitating progression to higher education.

The course is primarily assessed through coursework with some external examinations. Students gain hands-on experience in our Sports Science Lab, working with tools such as gas analysis, STATSport, GPS, Dartfish, and SPSS. They also have opportunities to collaborate with sports teams and athletes, earn industry-recognized qualifications, participate in college sports teams, and engage in international travel through the Turing project.

Our lecturers bring extensive industry expertise in areas such as sports analysis, massage and injury therapy, nutrition, and strength and conditioning.

This program is ideal for students seeking practical experience and a strong academic foundation in sports science and related fields.

- Core Modules**
- Specialised Fitness Training
 - Applied Sports Psychology
 - Coaching for Performance and Fitness
 - Functional Anatomy
 - Applied Research Methods
 - Sports Injury and Assessment
 - Sports Nutrition
 - Specialised Fitness Testing
 - Sport and Exercise Physiology
 - Field and Laboratory Based Fitness Testing
 - Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance
 - Sociocultural Issues in Sport and Exercise
 - Applied Research Methods in Sport and Exercise Science
 - Physical Activity for Individual and Group-Based Exercise
 - Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology
 - Biomechanics in Sport and Exercise Science
- Entry Requirements**
- UK:** 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma.
- ROI:** 4 OLCs (Grade O5 or above) OR Leaving Cert Applied - Merit; OR Level 2 Diploma.

Assessment

70% Coursework, 30% Exam.

External assessments in Sport and Exercise Physiology, Functional Anatomy, Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology, and Nutrition for Sport and Exercise Performance

Work Placement

In Year 2 of the course, we offer the opportunity to complete an international project to a European country. Previous destinations included Malta and Malaga.

- Further Study**
- This qualification enables progression to a variety of degree programmes including:
- Ulster University (Jordanstown)**
- BSc (Hons) Sport Studies
 - BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Sciences
 - BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy
- Ulster University (Magee)**
- BSc (Hons) in Sport, Physical Activity and Health
 - BSc (Hons) in Nursing

Past students have progressed to our Level 5 Foundation Degree in Sport, Exercise and Fitness and degree programmes in universities in Belfast, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Others have progressed to degrees in institutes of technology in the Republic of Ireland including the BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise at Altantic Technological University (ATU) (formerly Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT)).

Your Future Career

Successful students who gain extra qualifications in addition to studying Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science may wish to progress directly to employment.

Past students have gone on to successful careers as:

- Coaches
- Fitness Club Managers
- Health Promotion Officers
- Lecturers in Sport
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- PE Teacher
- Performance Analysts
- Physiotherapists
- Self-Employment
- Sport Development Officers
- Sport Scientists
- Sports Therapist

Check out our Jargon Buster

Confused by educational terms and phrases?
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Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Sport, Fitness and Personal Training

Course Code
603/4928/1

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Admissions Office
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Progression



Course Overview

This course uniquely combines an academic qualification (BTEC Level 3) with professional industry certifications, including the Level 2 Gym Instructor Certificate and Level 3 Personal Trainer Diploma.

As the Health & Fitness sector continues to grow, these industry-recognised qualifications provide excellent opportunities for employment in a variety of roles.

The BTEC component is equivalent to two A-Levels, earning UCAS tariff points (grade profile dependent). Those wishing to progress to a degree level study will benefit from the training team of active professionals with extensive industry experience in the health and fitness sector. Our training team are highly qualified with a vast range of experience working in Sports Therapy, Personal Training, Sports Coaching, and Strength & Conditioning.

This program is designed primarily for learners aiming to enter the workforce in roles such as Gym Instructor, Personal Trainer, Leisure Centre Attendant, or Gym Management. It also offers a pathway to higher education for those interested in advancing their academic and professional qualifications.

Core Modules

- Business and Technology in Personal Training
- Careers in Sport and Active Leisure
- Fitness Skills Development
- Health, Wellbeing and Sport
- Nutrition for Physical Performance
- Personal Trainer Skills Development
- Self-employment in Sport and Physical Activity
- Level 2 Gym Instructor
- Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training

Entry Requirements
UK: 4 GCSEs (Grade C or above); OR
OR Level 2 Diploma
ROI: 4 GCSE (Grade O5 or above); OR
Leaving Certificate Applied – Merit;
OR Level 2 Diploma

Assessment

85% Coursework; 15% Exam.

All BTEC Diploma units are internally graded through coursework. Within the industry qualifications there are two units that are external exams.

Work Placement

The nature of this course will require students to engage with employers within the industry at regular intervals. There is no formal work placement on the course, but students will be expected to engage in regular gym instruction.

Students have the opportunity to complete an international project to a European country in Year 2.

Previous destinations include Malta and Malaga.

Further Study

Students will achieve UCAS points through completion of this course. Therefore, progression to degrees programmes (dependent on the grade profile achieved).

Progression routes can include our Foundation Degree in Sport (validated by Ulster University) and degrees such as PE Teaching, Sports Coaching, Fitness Instruction and Sports Development at universities such as Ulster University, Liverpool Hope, Liverpool John Moore's and University of Central Lancashire.

Your Future Career

This course is ideal for students keen to move directly into employment within the fitness industry. The course content provides learners with up-to-date knowledge, understanding and practical skills to pursue a career in the fitness industry.





Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Uniformed Protective Services

Course Code
603/5068/4

Campus
Limavady

Length of Study
2 Years

Awarding Body
Pearson BTEC

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Progression



Course Overview

This course equips learners with the essential skills needed for careers in the uniformed services. It is particularly suited to those aspiring to join the Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Prison Services, the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and RAF), HM Customs and Excise, or other emergency-related organizations.

Our Limavady campus is ideally situated, providing access to a variety of uniformed service providers, enhancing practical learning opportunities. The course is designed to prepare learners for employment in the uniformed public services sector, either directly upon qualification or as a pathway to Higher Education (HE) through university or college study.

Assessment is primarily based on internally set assignments, such as essays, reports, practical tasks, and role plays. There are also two external exams. The curriculum blends theoretical lessons with hands-on activities, including outdoor adventure training, fitness testing, and physical training sessions.

This program is ideal for those who want to develop the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to succeed in uniformed public service careers.

The course and teaching team is led by **UK Pearson Silver Award** winning lecturer Ivor Neill.

Core Modules

- Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing
- Citizenship and Diversity
- Behaviour and Discipline in the Uniformed Services
- Global Affairs and the Media in Uniformed Services
- Government and the Protective Services
- Planning for and Responding to Emergency Incidents
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication in the Uniformed Protective Services

Optional Modules

- Skills for Outdoor Activities
- Expedition Skills
- Developing Personal Fitness programmes
- Principles of Managing Security Threats
- Introduction to Criminology

Entry Requirements

UK: 4 GCSE's (Grade C or above); OR Level 2 Diploma.

ROI: 4 OLC (Grade O5 or above); OR Leaving Certificate applied – Merit; OR Level 2 Diploma

Assessment

80% Coursework; 20% Exam.

The course includes both external assessments and internally graded assignments. Some elements of external assessments are coursework based.

Work Placement

In Year 2 of the course, we offer the opportunity to complete an international project to a European country. Previous destinations included Malta and Malaga.

Throughout the course you will also get the opportunity to complete your Emergency First Aid qualification, and engage in Outdoor Adventure expeditions, and day trips.

Further Study

The course provides a well-established route into a variety of specialist degree courses such as Public Services and Criminology, Criminal Justice, Policing and Investigation, Law and Social Sciences, Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Social Work or Social Policy, Emergency and Security Services.

Your Future Career

Potential careers include work in the public services, for example the police, coast guard, fire service, social work, ambulance service, and the armed forces.





Ulster University Level 5 Foundation Degree (FdSc) Sport, Coaching and Fitness

Course Code
N/A

Campus
Derry~Londonderry

Length of Study
2 Years

Additional Fees
Kits: £50 (approx)
Books: £50 (approx)

Awarding Body
Ulster University

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Progression
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Course Overview
Careers in sports science or therapy require a strong educational foundation and practical experience. Our Foundation Degree in Sport, in partnership with Ulster University, offers pathways tailored to meet the evolving needs of the industry. The Sports Science Pathway is designed with industry standards in mind and is developed to address the growing demand for qualified professionals in sports therapy and rehabilitation.

This programme prepares students for advanced studies and equips them for employment opportunities. Students will benefit from a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical skills, ensuring they are ready to meet the challenges of industry.

Additionally, students have opportunities to pursue coaching and sport-related qualifications, which may incur a small fee. These qualifications enhance employability and provide a competitive edge in the job market.

More optional modules have been added to the programme that extend our relationship with Ulster University and significantly enhances potential employment opportunities.

- Core Modules**
- Anatomy and Physiology
 - Fundamental Skills in Laboratory Testing
 - Principles of Teaching and Coaching
 - Research Methods
 - Sport Psychology
 - Sports Analysis

- Sports Nutrition
- Strength and Conditioning
- The Professional Fitness Environment
- Work Based Learning

- Optional Modules**
- Analysis for Sports Performance
 - Applied Sports Therapy
 - Fundamental Skills in Laboratory Testing
 - Introduction to Sports Massage
 - Movement Analysis and Corrective Exercise
 - Small Business Enterprise
 - Sport Psychology
 - Sports Nutrition
 - Strength and Conditioning

Entry Requirements
UK: 48 UCAS tariff points, plus GCSE at Grade C in English Language and Mathematics, or equivalent.

ROI: 48 UCAS Points, plus OLC (Grade O4 or above) in English and Maths.

Applicants must also satisfy the University's general entry requirements as set out in the prospectus.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) may be considered for entry. For details see page 36. The initial offer standard may vary from year to year.

Note: GCSE Maths Grade C or above is required for progression to top-up degrees at Ulster University.

Assessment
90% Coursework; 10% Exam. Examination accounts for 40% of units Anatomy and Physiology in Year 1 and Sports Nutrition in Year 2. All other assessment is via coursework. Assessment methods include practical sessions, written assignments and exams.

Work Placement
During Year 2 students will undertake a minimum of 240 hours of work placement as part of the Work-Based Learning module. This can take place in a variety of sport settings.

Further Study
On completion, you may apply for advanced entry to Year 2 of the BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science or Sports Studies or Year 3 of Sports Coaching at Ulster University, providing pre-set standards have been achieved.

You can also progress to Year 3 of the BSc (Hons) in Sport and Exercise at ATU Donegal or one year top-up degrees in UK universities.

Your Future Career
On completion students can apply for employment opportunities within a wide range of sports industries including Sports Development, Sports Coaching, Public Sector health and Wellbeing.

On achievement of relevant industry qualifications students could gain employment in the area of sports rehabilitation, sports therapy, or sports injuries.





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How to Apply

To apply for a Full-Time course you must be 16 years of age or over on or before 1st July in year of entry.

Please note, we operate a first come, first served application process, so apply today!

Need help with your application?

Applying for a course at NWRC is easy. Our Admissions and Student Services teams are available to guide you through the application process. If you would like help completing your application, contact **028 7127 6045**.

If you experience technical issues while completing your online application or require an alternative format, please contact our Admissions Team on **028 7127 6000** or email **admissions@nwrc.ac.uk**.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

APEL is a process through which the learning you have gained from experience can be counted towards entry onto courses. For more information about the APEL process see page 36 or visit **nwrc.ac.uk/policies**.

International Students

The College welcomes applications from international students. Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/international**

Terms and Conditions

Students are required to comply with the College's Terms and Conditions. It is important to review these terms carefully and fully understand them before applying or accepting your offer. We will provide guidance regarding confidentiality and the permissions required to use or share personal / sensitive information.

Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/terms**

 Find out more: **nwrc.ac.uk/apply**

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**IF APPLICABLE*



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Your Courses Explained

We offer a wide range of Full-Time accredited courses from Level 1 to Level 6 (Undergraduate) which combine practical hands-on learning with supporting theory and knowledge.

Please note: Entry criteria for some courses may be enhanced where courses are over-subscribed.

Course	Description	Entry Requirements	Progression		
					
Level 5 Foundation Degree 2 years	A Degree level qualification which combines college study with workplace learning to give you relevant knowledge and higher level skills for your career. With a Foundation Degree students can often move straight into second or final year of a related Degree at university.	Entry criteria may vary - check specific course information in this guide or online: nwrc.ac.uk/fulltime		✓	✓
Level 5 Higher National Diploma (HND) 2 years	Both the HND and HNC courses will combine practical skills, work experience and academic study to gain a vocational qualification that leads to work or second or third year at university.	- See entry points opposite - Check specific course information in this guide or online.		✓	✓
Level 4 Higher National Certificate (HNC) 1 year					
Level 3 Diploma or Extended Diploma 2 years	A qualification related to your chosen career, equal to 3 A-levels. The practical work experience and skills will prepare you for work or higher level study. You can progress onto a HND/C or Foundation Degree at our College or move directly onto a course at University.	4 or more GCSEs (Grade C or above) 4 Ordinary Leaving Cert Passes (05 or above) - Leaving Certificate Applied (Merit / Distinction) - Level 2 Diploma (Merit) - NVQ Level 2 - OCR Qualification - City & Guilds Qualification	✓	✓	✓
Level 3 Access (Adult Learning) 1 year	Designed for adult learners who wish to enhance their qualifications in preparation for higher level study. Access courses are Level 3 qualifications which are equivalent to A-Level.	- Out of Full-Time Education for two years - Not studied a similar level course for 5 years - Aged 19 or over - Interview usually required	✓	✓	✓
Level 2 Diploma 1 year	Level 2 qualifications are intermediate level qualifications. They include practical, work related activities for skills development and help learners develop a broader understanding of their chosen subject area.	- Entry criteria may vary - check specific course information in this guide or online - May require relevant NVQ or City & Guilds Level 1 qualification - Aptitude test	✓	✓	
Level 2-4 NVQ Level 1-2 NVQ 1 or 2 years	Undertake practical, work related tasks designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge to do a particular job effectively. Level 1 - Junior Cert / Cycle qualifications may be considered for entry to Level 2 courses depending on grades achieved.	NVQ Levels 2 - 4 or equivalent	✓ L1-L4	✓ L2-L4	

PROGRESSION KEY:  Higher level study  Employment  University

UCAS Tariff Points Conversion

UCAS Destinations
Our graduates progress to universities throughout the United Kingdom. To view our Class of 2023 university destination map visit: nwrc.ac.uk/careers.

UK Qualifications

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma		BTEC Level 3 Diploma		Access Diploma		A Levels	
Grade Profile	UCAS Tariff Points	Grade Profile	UCAS Tariff Points	% Pass Grade	UCAS Tariff Points	Grade	UCAS Tariff Points
D*D*D*	168	D*D*	112	75+	144	A*	56
D*D*D	160	D*D	104	70 - 74	132	A	48
D*DD	152	D D	96	65 - 69	120	B	40
DDD	144	DM	80	60 - 64	108	C	32
DDM	128	MM	64	55 - 59	96	D	24
DMM	112	PM	48	50 - 54	84	E	16
MMM	96	PP	32	45 - 49	72	-	-
MMP	80	-	-	41 - 44	60	-	-
MPP	64	-	-	40	48	-	-
PPP	48	-	-	-	-	-	-

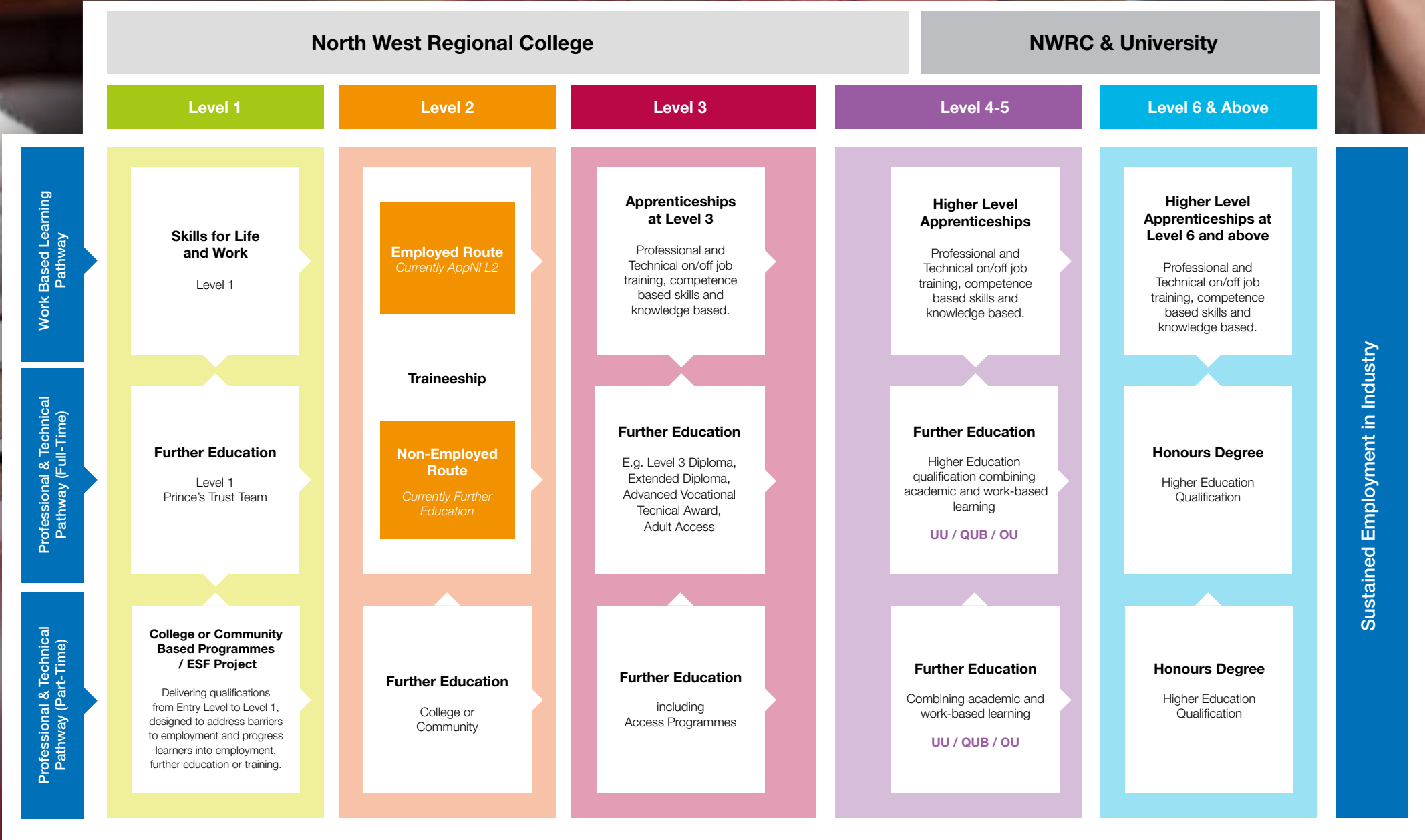
KEY: D = Distinction M = Merit P = Pass **NOTE:** It is up to the individual applicant to check tariff points equivalency with the HE institutions they are applying to.

ROI Qualifications

Irish Leaving Certificate (Higher and Ordinary) UCAS and CAO points					
2017 New Tariff at Higher	UCAS Points [Higher]	CAO Points [Higher]	2017 New Tariff at Ordinary	UCAS Points [Ordinary]	CAO Points [Ordinary]
H1	36	100	-	-	-
H2	30	88	-	-	-
H3	24	77	-	-	-
H4	18	66	-	-	-
H5	12	56	01	12	56
H6	9	46	02	10	46
H7	-	37	03	8	46
H8	-	-	04	6	37
-	-	-	05	-	-
-	-	-	06	-	-

For more information on course entry requirements or to view ILC equivalences prior to 2017, contact our Careers Academy: careers@nwrc.ac.uk

Progression Pathways



Jargon Buster

Confused by the education terms and phrases you have come across? If so, use our jargon buster to find out what they mean.

Access Diploma

Level 3 qualification designed for adult learners (aged 19+) to provide opportunities to make a successful return to education. Can enable successful progression onto higher education at university, or directly into employment. Available on a full-time or part-time basis.

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

APEL is a process through which the learning you have gained from work experience can be counted towards entry onto a course.

Advanced Vocational Technical Award

The Advanced Technical Award is the gold standard in Level 3 vocational education and training, and will equip you with the skills and qualifications necessary to embark on a career or progress to higher education and apprenticeships, including degree level apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships

Open to everyone aged 16+. Apprentices mix on-the-job training with classroom learning, providing you with the skills you need for your chosen career. Apprentices work with an employer and earn a wage while learning.

Associate Student Status

When you enrol on a higher education course validated by a University you will be granted 'Associate Student' status with that provider. This gives you access to a wide range of resources and facilities, designed to enhance your learning experience.

Award / Certificate / Diploma

A term relating to the size of a qualification which depends on how in-depth the qualification is and the number of units you are required to study. Diplomas are the largest with the most units. Certificates are in-between and Awards are the smallest with the fewest units to complete. All three types of qualification can be studied at different levels.

Awarding Body

A corporate body with the legal authority to award academic qualifications. 'City & Guilds' would be an example of an Awarding Body.

Bursary

A financial grant you apply for to help with tuition fees or living costs.

BTEC

A vocational qualification that provides specialist, work-related learning in a range of sectors. BTEC qualifications are equivalent to A-Levels and can lead to further studies, employment and progression to Higher Education.

Campus

This refers to the grounds and buildings a College or University is located. NWRC has five different campus sites which include Strand Road, Limavady, Strabane, Springtown and Greystone.

Careers Education

The delivery of bespoke programmes and interactive workshops that are embedded into the curriculum with the aim of enhancing your transferable skills.

Conditional Offer

An offer of a place on your selected course as long as you meet the entry requirements of the course.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

EMA is a fortnightly payment for students aged 16-19 who decide to remain in education after completing their GCSEs. Payment is dependent on attendance.

King's Trust

A free 12-week personal development and team building course. It enables young people to develop their personal skills through a series of projects and challenges.

Turing Scheme

A global funded programme which offers students the opportunity to train and study abroad.

Foundation Degree

A Level 5 qualification, which combines college study with work-based learning. After completing a Foundation Degree you can usually progress directly into year two or final year of a Level 6 degree programme at university.

Further Education (FE)

Non-compulsory education taken after school-leaving age. Usually used to describe education between school and higher education (university). This includes GCSEs, A-Levels, Apprenticeships and vocational training.

Graduate

Someone who has successfully completed a Higher Education course (Level 4 or above) and received their qualification.

Graduation

A celebration ceremony for graduates.

Higher Education (HE)

Qualifications at Level 4 to 6. This includes Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees.

Higher Level Apprenticeship (HLA)

A work-based programme, which offers the opportunity to gain quality training and a recognised higher level qualification while in paid employment. Upon completion, you will have gained a Foundation Degree and two to three years of industry experience.

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

A Level 4 qualification that is equivalent to the first year of a degree course. After completing a HNC, you can progress to a Higher National Diploma (HND).

Higher National Diploma (HND)

A Level 5 qualification that is equivalent to the second year of a degree course. HNDs are work-related courses provided by further and higher education colleges.

After completing a HND you can progress to University to complete your degree or move into employment.

Irish Level Certificate (ILC)

The Leaving Certificate Examinations, commonly referred to as the Leaving Cert, is the final examination in the Irish secondary school system.

Learning Support

The term used to describe the provision of resources, strategies and practices that provide physical and / or mental support intended to enable all students to have an equal opportunity for success at the College.

It does this by addressing barriers to and promoting engagement in learning and teaching.

Lecture

A lesson delivered by an academic member of staff, to a large amount of students. Students are expected to take notes and digest the information in their own time.

Levels

The Level of a qualification indicates its difficulty. GCSEs at Grade A*-C are Level 2. A-Levels are at Level 3. HNCs are Level 4. HNDs and Foundation Degrees are Level 5 and an Honours Degree is Level 6.

Modules (Units)

Each course is made up of a number of modules (units). Some are compulsory (core), while others are optional.

Reasonable Adjustments

Action taken by the College to ensure that the playing field is levelled for students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties, where practicable and reasonable.

Safeguarding

The process of taking action to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm. Our dedicated safeguarding team promotes the awareness of safeguarding issues and provides support to students, families and staff.

Support Worker

Provides additional support to students with a disability, personal care needs, behavioural or mental health needs, to ensure they gain equal access to the curriculum and services available at the College.

Traineeship

A Traineeship is a Level 2 vocational education and training programme aimed at school leavers who wish to progress to work in a specific sector. Traineeships have been developed alongside employers to ensure that students learn the skills required for the workplace.

UCAS

University and Colleges Admissions Services (UCAS) is the organisation that processes applications for entry to higher education at College or University.

UCAS Tariff Points

A means of allocating points to post GCSE (Level 2) qualifications. It is based on a simple mathematical model, which uses a qualification size and grading scale to generate a total number of points.

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Any subsequent changes will be published online. Please refer to www.nwrc.ac.uk for the latest information before you apply.

The College will make every effort to deliver in accordance with the descriptions set out in this course guide. However, the College is dependent upon public funds which have to be managed in a way which is efficient. The College therefore reserves the right to make variations to the content or methods of delivery of assessment of courses, to discontinue courses or to merge or combine courses, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary in the context of its wider purpose.

If the College discontinues any course, we will use reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative. Please note that for some courses residential criteria may apply.

In the event of a pandemic, the College may have to implement restrictions in respect of your study or effect a temporary College closure. Please be assured, in such instances NWRC will follow government advice and will make appropriate reasonable adjustments to maintain the ongoing quality of teaching and support for all of our students. In line with the Consumer Rights Act 2015, you will be notified of any such changes, the reasons for the changes and any options available to you to avoid such changes having an adverse impact on your future career and financial prospects.

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