

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS



An apprenticeship is your chance to get stuck into a real job, gain experience, and walk away with a recognised qualification—all at the same time.

On top of all that, you'll earn while you learn and even get paid holidays.

WHY CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?



Get paid while you learn



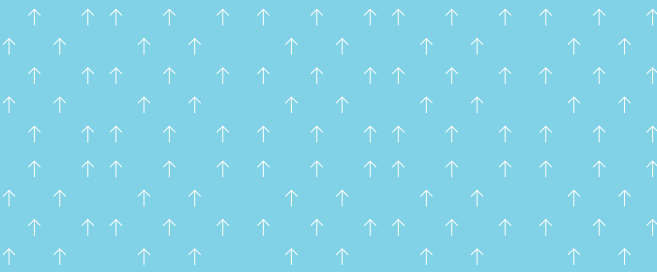
Work towards a qualification



Real-world job experience



**Hands-on training with
experienced professionals**



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Who can apply?

Anyone aged 16 or over, living in England.

What can you do an apprenticeship in?

There are over 700 types of apprenticeships across 150+ industries. Whatever you're into, there's probably an apprenticeship for it.

Levels explained:

There are three types of apprenticeships:

- Intermediate (Level 2) – GCSE equivalent
- Advanced (Level 3) – A-Level equivalent
- Higher (Level 4-7) – Degree-level qualifications

How long does it take?

Anywhere from 1 to 4 years, depending on the level and course.

Will I get paid?

Yes. If you're aged 16 to 18, or aged 19 or over and in your first year, you will be paid the National Minimum Wage for an apprentice which is £7.55 per hour. Apprentices aged 19 or over who have completed their first year will be entitled to the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage rate for their age.*

**Correct at time of print. For further details, visit www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates*

How many hours will I work?

Usually 30 to 40 hours a week, with around 6 hours of that spent on off-the-job training. That could be in college, online, or right where you work.

How do I pass?

You'll be assessed as you go, then take a final end-point assessment to show what you've learned.

What happens after?

Many apprentices get offered permanent jobs, or you could:

- Move up to a higher-level apprenticeship
- Go to college or university
- Jump straight into your career with confidence and experience



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Level 2 - 3

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at Further Education level let you earn while you learn, combining classroom study with real workplace experience.

They're a great choice if you prefer hands-on learning and want to develop skills that employers value.

They also open clear routes for progression, from moving straight into work to advancing onto higher apprenticeships or even degree-level study.

**Want to see what's on offer?
Check out our subject list.**

Subjects

- » Accountancy
- » Brickwork
- » Business
- » Carpentry & Joinery
- » Construction & Civil Engineering
- » Digital
- » Early Years & Education
- » Electrical
- » Engineering
- » Fabrication & Welding
- » Fire Service
- » Hairdressing
- » Health Education
- » Housing
- » Human Resources
- » Management
- » Motor Vehicle
- » Painting & Decorating
- » Plumbing & Heating
- » Property Maintenance

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Level 4 - 6

Higher Apprenticeships

Higher apprenticeships let you gain degree-level qualifications while working, so you can build your career without the worry of student debt. They combine advanced study with real workplace experience, meaning you earn while you learn and put your knowledge into practice straight away.

With access to our University Centre, you'll benefit from the same high-quality teaching and resources as traditional students – while also getting paid and developing in-demand skills. It's a smart route into professional roles or further study.

Subjects

- » Accountancy
- » Business & Management
- » Human Resources
- » Construction & Civil Engineering
- » Digital
- » Engineering
- » Health & Education
- » Housing



YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

Why Choose New College Durham?



Industry-experienced tutors

Learn from tutors who have worked within the very industry you're aiming to enter.



Amazing training environments

Including: hair salons, garages, dentist chairs, workshops, computer rooms, virtual reality suites and restaurant kitchens.



Personal support with your own liaison officer

You'll get support every step of the way.



Access to campus perks

Including: gym, cafes, library, digital learning centre and multi use games area

READY TO FIND YOUR FUTURE?

Tap into real work, real pay, and real qualifications.

Check out our latest apprenticeship vacancies or sign up for weekly updates straight to your inbox.



NEXT STEPS

You've decided that an apprenticeship with New College Durham is the perfect route for you, so what's next?

1



Get started

The first step is to find an apprenticeship employer; you can check our website, get in touch with our Apprenticeships team, search the government website and even ask family or friends if they know anyone looking for an apprentice.

2



College chat

We'll invite you to chat to our friendly apprenticeship team, where you'll find out about the apprenticeship and you can ask us any questions.

3



Apply

The second step is to apply to the employer and also apply to NCD.

4



Interview

If you are shortlisted for the vacancy, you will attend an interview with the employer.



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vacancies**



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apprenticeship
on the gov.uk
website**

NO JOB? NO PROBLEM!

We'll save you a place on a relevant course and you can switch to an apprenticeship when you find an employer.



Apprenticeships Course Guide

Find out more

The apprenticeships section of our website has everything you need to know about the apprenticeships we offer. There are full course listings, videos and details on how to apply.

Go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/apprenticeships

You can also come and meet the team at one of our monthly Information, Advice & Guidance Open Events.

Events take place on the first Tuesday of the month from October to June.

Pre-register at www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events

Contact us

We are available Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 5.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm to answer your questions.

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