

DISCOVER T-LEVELS

T-Levels blend classroom learning with real-world experience to get you ready for the career you want.

Courses are designed with leading businesses, meaning you'll get the knowledge and skills which employers are looking for. As well as studying in the classroom, you'll complete an industry placement to allow you to apply what you've learned in the classroom to the real-world.

A T-Level is roughly equivalent to 3 A-Levels.



TOP BENEFITS OF A T-LEVEL



Boost your employability

T-Levels are designed hand-in-hand with employers, so you'll gain the skills that are actually in demand.



Progress to university

T-Levels come with UCAS points, so they can help you get into university, just like A-Levels.



Learn by doing

Get stuck into hands-on projects that help you grow and showcase your individual talents.



Gain real industry experience

You'll complete a 45-day placement with a real employer, giving you a taste of the working world and valuable experience to add to your CV.



Study for free

No tuition fees if you start your T-Level before you turn 19 – it's a high-quality qualification without the cost.

Scan here to view
our T-Level courses



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Why is a T-Level a smart move?

T-Levels keep your future flexible — whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship, or jumping straight into a great job.

How long does it take?

T-Levels are two-year courses — the same as A-Levels — packed with knowledge, training, and real-life experience.

How will you learn?

You will spend:

- » **80% of your time** in college.
- » **20% on placement** (that's about 45 days in total).

Placements can be in blocks, day release, or a mix — whatever suits your course and career goals.

Why is there an Industry Placement?

This is what really sets T-Levels apart.

Your placement helps you:

- » Understand how your skills apply in the real world
- » Build confidence and connections
- » Stand out to future employers

What are the entry requirements?

Each T-Level has different requirements. Check our website for the latest info on what you'll need to get started.

How are T-Levels graded?

You'll receive an overall grade of:

Pass, Merit, Distinction, or Distinction*

This is based on two key parts:

- » **Your core knowledge** (academic learning).
- » **Your occupational specialism** (practical application).

What comes next?

With a T-Level, your future is wide open.

You can:

- » Step into a skilled job
- » Move on to an apprenticeship
- » Use your UCAS points to apply for university

And yes — our own **University Centre at NCD accepts T-Levels!**



YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR T-LEVELS

We're an official T-Level Insight Hub

We've been recognised for our outstanding student results, amazing facilities, and exemplary resources and staff – making us one of seven recognised Insight Hubs for T-Levels across the nation. As an Insight Hub, we are trusted to share our expertise with other colleges, providing resources, mentoring, and supporting other providers.

Strong employer connections

We work with over 400 local employers, setting you up with real industry placements in a variety of exciting job roles. You'll get hands-on experience that actually matters.

Learn in real-world environments

Our T-Level courses are taught in specialist, state-of-the-art facilities with industry-standard equipment – just like you'd use in a real workplace. It's learning made real.

Teachers who know their stuff

Our tutors aren't just great teachers – they've worked in the industries they teach. You'll be learning from people who know exactly which skills you need.

Support that's got your back

College life can be challenging, but you're never alone here. Our Advice Support Careers team, Personal Learning Coaches, and Learning Support team are all ready to help you succeed.

Campus life that's more than just study

Need a quiet spot to work on your assignments? Check out our library and digital learning centre. Want to chill or catch up with friends? Grab a coffee, hit the gym, play sports or visit our coffee shops and cafe' – all here on our campus.

Experience that counts

Since their launch in September 2020, we were one of the first colleges in the North East to offer T-Levels – so we know exactly how to deliver them well. Plus, we continually invest in our facilities, so you get the best learning experience possible.



FIND YOUR NEXT LEVEL

STEP INTO OUR T-LEVELS

Business

- » Business Support
- » Team Leadership and Management

Construction

- » Civil Engineering
- » Surveying and Design for Construction and the Built Environment

Digital

- » Digital Business Services (Data Technician)
- » Digital Production Design and Development
- » Digital Support (Cyber)
- » Digital Support Services

Education

- » Education & Childcare
- » Teacher Assistant

Engineering

- » Design and Development for Mechanical Engineering
- » Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Health

- » Mental Health
- » Supporting Healthcare
- » Supporting the Midwifery Team

Media

- » Media (Content Creation and Production)

Scan the QR code for more information or visit
www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/t-levels





DISCOVER OUR SPECIALIST FACILITIES

Technical & Higher Education Hub (T.H.E. Hub)

Step into T.H.E. Hub, where learning comes to life in immersive environments.

Here you'll find:

- » CISCO network room
- » Collaboration space
- » Cybersecurity lab
- » Early years foundation stage & nursery simulation suite
- » Hospital ward simulation suite
- » Immersive 360 facility
- » Science lab
- » Sensory room

North East Institute of Technology Centre (NEIoT)

Our £8 million state-of-the-art centre is packed with amazing tech – including £1 million cutting-edge building information modelling and robotic manufacturing kit. Check out what's inside:

- » 3D model creation software
- » Collaborative workspace
- » Design suite
- » Mitsubishi robotic arms
- » STEM classrooms
- » Virtual reality active wall

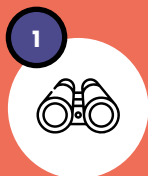


NEXT STEPS

You've decided that a T-Level course at New College Durham is the perfect route for you, so what's next?

You can apply any time throughout the year.

Your journey to becoming a student at New College Durham starts now.



Get started

Pre-register for, and attend an Information, Advice & Guidance open event



Apply

Complete an online application.



Receive Offer

We'll review your application and will be in touch with your next steps or an offer for a place.



Attend Get NCD Ready

You will be invited to our Get NCD Ready event at the end of June.



Accept your place

Accept your offer when you meet your tutor, or via phone or email.



Meet your tutor

We'll invite you to chat to a course tutor and receive advice and guidance.



Welcome Fest and Enrol

Following a successful GCSE results day, attend Welcome Fest and enrol on your course.

DON'T MISS OUR

Information, Advice & Guidance Open Events

First Tuesday every month* from October to June

4.30pm – 6.30pm

*Term time only

Pre-register for fast track entry at
www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events



T-Level Course Guide

Find out more

Our website has everything you need to know about the courses we offer.
There are full course listings, videos and details on how to apply.

Go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/t-levels

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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