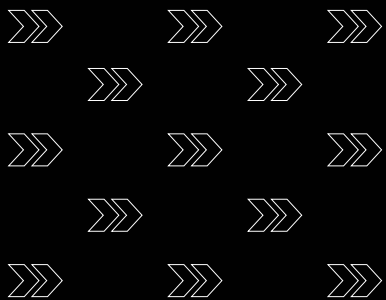




# T-LEVELS MINI GUIDE



2025 | 2026



**THE NEXT LEVEL**  
**QUALIFICATION**

# DISCOVER **T-LEVELS**

T-Levels are an exciting qualification aimed at learners aged 16-19. They have a unique mix of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience. The courses, designed with leading businesses, give you the knowledge and skills which employers are looking for. An industry placement is also included to give you real insight into the world of work.

One T-Level is roughly equivalent to 3 A levels.

## **KEY BENEFITS OF A T-LEVEL**



### **Increased Employability**

T-Level qualifications align closely with industry requirements, making them highly sought after by employers.



### **Learn Practical Skills**

Immerse yourself in projects that not only develop your academic talents, but also highlight your unique skills.



### **Reduced Costs**

There are no tuition fees to pay if you start studying a T-Level before you are 19 years of age.



### **A Route to University**

Earn valuable UCAS points towards entry requirements.



### **Gain Real-world Experience**

Gain valuable work-life experience through industry placement.

# THE LOWDOWN

## Why is a T-Level a good choice?

T-Levels will keep your options open – whether you want to progress to a great job, an apprenticeship, or further study such as a university degree.

## How long does a T-Level course take?

A T-Level course takes two academic years to complete.

## How are T-Levels taught?

You will spend 80% of your time at college and 20% of your time on a 45-day industry placement with a local employer. (This can be block, day release or a mix of these.)

## Why is there an industry placement?

Industry placements really set T-Levels apart from other technical qualifications. Understanding the real world of work is incredibly important and helps you gain the skills that employers look for when it comes to hiring.

## What are the entry requirements for a T-Level?

Each course may have its own set of entry requirements. Please check our website for further details or speak to a member of our team.

## How are T-Levels graded?

Everyone who meets all requirements of their T-Level are awarded an overall grade of either Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction\*. A student's overall T-Level grade is calculated from the grades you achieved on the core component and the occupational specialism(s).

## How are they assessed?

T-Levels are assessed by combining exams for the core skills learnt in the classroom, and with a practical skills test for the work-related skills you developed on placement. Assessments come in different forms depending on the industry and could include group work, portfolios or practical projects set by employers.

## How can I progress?

T-Levels can open the way to skilled employment, an apprenticeship or, because they carry UCAS points in the same way as A-levels, you can progress to studying for a relevant degree. Our University Centre here at New College Durham also accepts T-Levels.

Scan here to view  
our T-Level courses



# 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 and Childcare
- » Teacher Assistant

### Engineering

- » Building Services Engineering (Electrotechnical Engineering)
- » Design and Development for Mechanical Engineering
- » Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- » Maintenance Engineering (Fabrication and Welding)
- » Plumbing and Heating Engineering

### Health

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

### Media

- » Media (Content Creation and Production)



For more information on our T-Level courses please visit [www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/t-levels](http://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/t-levels)

## YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR T-LEVELS

In August 2024, 97% of our T-Level students achieved their qualification\*

All courses are  
subject to approval /validation

\*NCD T-Levels Results Day 2024

# NEXT **NEXT STEPS** STEPS

*You've decided that a T-Level course 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 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 later 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 GCSE results day, you'll attend Welcome Fest and enrol on your course.

## **DON'T MISS OUR**

### **Information, Advice & Guidance events**

First Tuesday every month\* from October to June

4.30pm – 6.30pm

\*Term time only

Pre-register for fast track entry at  
[newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events](http://newcollegedurham.ac.uk/events)

# YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR T-LEVELS

## Why Choose New College Durham?

### **Employer links**

We have links with over 400 employers, providing industry placements in a wide range of job roles across a variety of sectors.

### **Real learning environments**

Our T-Level programmes are taught in subject-specialised, state of the art environments, using industry standard equipment that mirrors what you will use in the workplace.

### **First class teaching**

Our teaching staff aren't just expert teachers; they also have experience of working in industry.

### **Support built around you**

Our Advice Support Careers (ASC) team, Personal Learning Coaches and Learning Support team are here for you whenever you need them to help you get the most out of college life.

### **Campus life**

Like all NCD students, you can make use of the great facilities on campus. Work on your assignments in our library or digital learning centre and make the most of your free time at our onsite coffee shops, gym, sports hall, and restaurant.

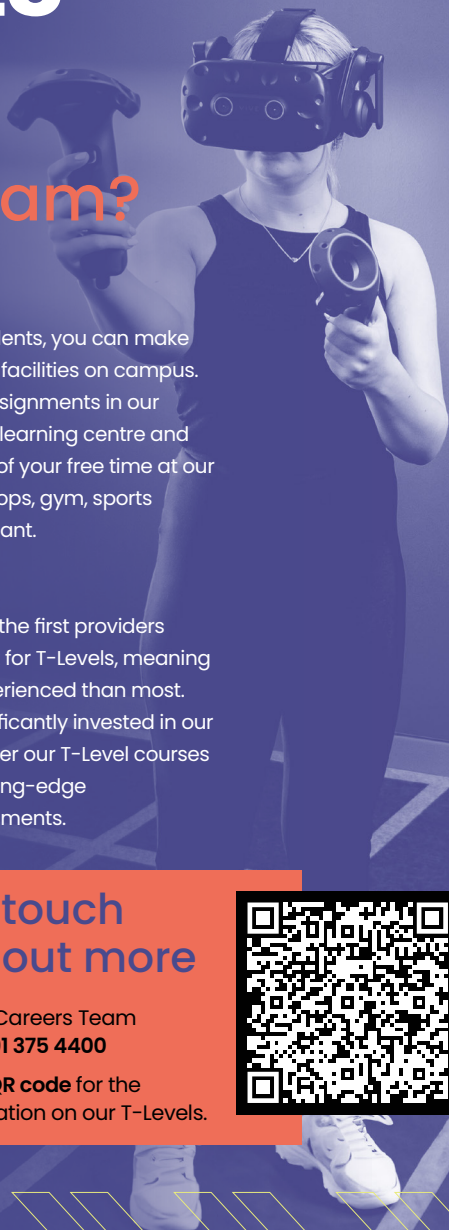
### **Our experience**

We were one of the first providers in the North East for T-Levels, meaning we're more experienced than most. We've also significantly invested in our campus to deliver our T-Level courses in the most cutting-edge learning environments.

**Get in touch  
& find out more**

Contact the Careers Team  
call us on **0191 375 4400**

or **scan the QR code** for the  
latest information on our T-Levels.





# OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

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

T.H.E. Hub is a new £11million facility, where subjects are brought to life in the most cutting-edge environments available. Our exciting immersive suite allows you to be transported into realistic environments and situations to add new dimensions to learning.

T.H.E. Hub also houses the following specialist T-Level teaching environments:

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

## North East Institute of Technology Centre (NEIoT)

Our £8million Institute of Technology centre ensures we have world-class facilities. We recently invested a further £1million to bring in the most up-to-date building information modelling equipment and robotic manufacturing technology. The purpose-built centre houses the following facilities for our T-Level students:

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



## Find out more

The T-Levels section of 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](http://www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/courses/t-levels)

You can also come and meet the T-Levels team at one of our monthly Information, Advice & Guidance Events. They take place on the first Tuesday of the month from October to June. Check out our website for further details.

## 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.

### **MAIN COLLEGE**

Tel: 0191 375 4000

### **ADMISSIONS OFFICE**

Tel: 0191 375 4210

email: [admissions@newdur.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@newdur.ac.uk)

### **ASC (ADVICE SUPPORT CAREERS)**

Tel: 0191 375 4400

email: [asc@newdur.ac.uk](mailto:asc@newdur.ac.uk)

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Please contact the Careers Team on 0191 375 4400 or visit our website for the latest information.