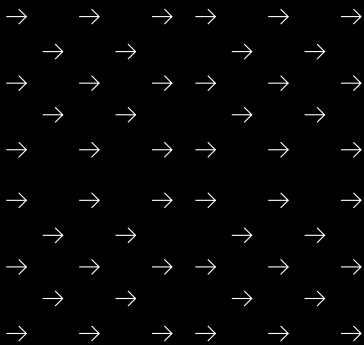




APPRENTICESHIPS MINI GUIDE



2025 | 2026



DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIPS



An apprenticeship is a fantastic training option which offers the best of both worlds, earn while you learn. With an apprenticeship you get to work in a real job for an actual employer, gaining hands-on experience while working alongside skilled colleagues. You earn a wage and get paid holidays. On top of all that, you can also gain an industry standard qualification. If you know which sector you want to work in, an apprenticeship can be the perfect way to fast track your career.

KEY BENEFITS



Earn a wage



Achieve a qualification



Gain work experience



Grow in confidence



Avoid student debt



Enjoy hands on training

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
OUR APPRENTICESHIPS**



THE LOWDOWN

Who can do an apprenticeship?

Anyone in England aged 16 years old and above can apply for an apprenticeship.

What subjects do they cover?

There are currently over 700 different types of apprenticeships across more than 150 different industries.

What types of apprenticeship are there?

There are three types of apprenticeships:

- Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2)
- Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3)
- Higher Apprenticeship (Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7)

How long do they last?

Apprenticeships can take one to four years to complete, depending on the level.

Will I get paid?

You will earn at least £6.40 (April 2024). Wages are higher for over 18s, over 21s and 23 plus. Some employers offer higher wages.

How many hours will I work?

You will work a minimum of 30 hours a week but no more than 40 hours.

How much time will I spend in the classroom?

Typically 6 hours per week, must be spent on training. This might happen every week, every month, or in a separate block of time. Training can be carried out at your place of work, at college or online.

How will I be assessed?

You'll be assessed during your time as an apprentice to make sure you're getting the knowledge and skills you need. At the end of your apprenticeship, there is an end-point assessment to make sure you're fully competent in your chosen role.

What happens when my apprenticeship comes to an end?

You will have the experience, knowledge and skills to move straight into employment. Many apprentices are given a permanent job by their apprenticeship company.

You may have the chance to progress to a higher-level apprenticeship or you could choose to continue your studies at college or university.



OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships

Accountancy

Level 2 Accounts / Finance Assistant
Level 3 Assistant Accountant

Beauty

Level 2 Beauty Therapist
Level 2 Nail Technician

Brickwork

Level 2 Bricklayer
Level 3 Craft Bricklayer

Business

Level 2 Customer Service Practitioner
Level 3 Business Administrator
Level 3 Customer Service Specialist

Computing & IT

Level 3 IT Solutions Technician
Level 3 Information Communication
Technology Technician
Level 3 Software Development Technician

Construction Crafts

Level 2 MMC – Construction Assembly &
Installation Operative
Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery – Site
Level 3 Advanced Carpentry & Joinery – Site

Construction & Civil Engineering

Level 3 Civil Engineering Technician
Level 3 Construction Support Technician

Early Years & Education

Level 3 Early Years Educator
Level 3 Teaching Assistant

Electrical

Level 3 Installation Electrician /
Maintenance Electrician

Engineering

Level 3 Technical Support Technician
Level 3 Machining Technician
Level 3 Maintenance & Operations
Engineering Tech (MOET)

Fabrication & Welding

Level 2 Engineering Operative
Level 3 Metal Fabricator

Fire

Level 3 Community Safety Advisor
Level 3 Operational Firefighter

Hairdressing/Barbering

Level 2 Barbering
Level 2 Hair Professional

Health Education

Level 3 Dental Nurse
Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker

Housing

Level 3 Housing / Property Management

Human Resources

Level 3 Human Resources Support

Management

Level 3 Team Leader / Supervisor

Motor Vehicle

Level 2 Autocare Technician
Level 3 Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance
Technician (Light Vehicle)

Painting & Decorating

Level 2 Painter & Decorator

Plumbing & Heating

Level 3 Plumbing & Domestic Heating

Property Maintenance

Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative

All courses are subject to approval/validation

OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher Apprenticeships

Forget student loans and tuition fees, with a higher apprenticeship you can get a nationally recognised higher education qualification while earning a wage and learning job-specific skills. You will also study in, or have access to, our dedicated University Centre when you're in college.

Accountancy

Level 4 Professional Accounting
Taxation Technician

Business, Management & Human Resources

Level 5 Human Resource Consultant / Partner (CIPD)
Level 5 Operations / Departmental Manager (CMI)
Level 6 Chartered Manager (CMI)
Level 7 Senior Leader (CMI)
Level 7 Senior People Professional (CIPD)

Computing

Level 4 Cyber Security Technologist
Level 4 Data Analyst
Level 4 Software Developer

Construction And Civil Engineering

Level 4 Civil Engineering Senior Technician
Level 4 Construction Design & Build Technician
– Construction Management
or Architectural Technology
Level 4 Construction Site Engineering Technician
Level 4 Construction Quantity Surveying Technician

Engineering

Level 4 Manufacturing Technician
– Mechanical Engineering

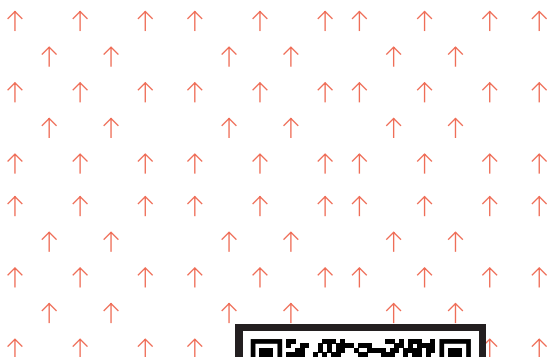
Health & Education

Level 4 Oral Health Practitioner
Level 4 Lead Practitioner in Adult Care
Level 5 Leader in Adult Care
Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner

Housing

Level 4 Senior Housing / Property Management

All courses are subject to approval / validation

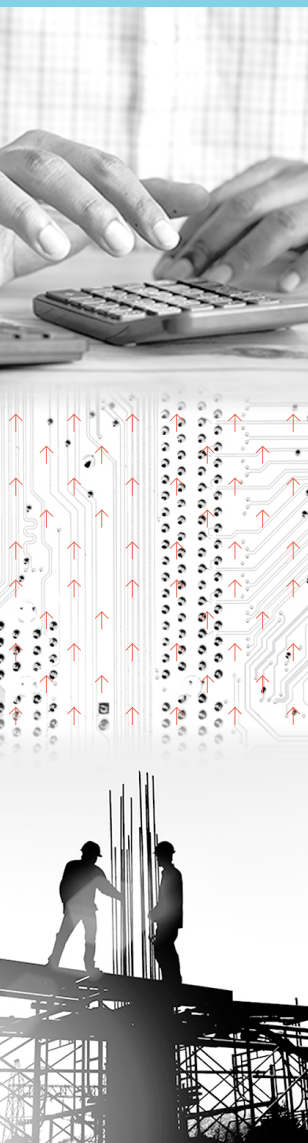


Latest apprenticeships vacancies

Scan the QR code to view our current vacancies and sign up to be notified of new opportunities via email.

#1 >>>>

YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS



Great choice

We work with over 400 employers, so our apprenticeships cover a wide range of job roles across a variety of business sectors and go from level 2 up to masters degree level.

A successful future

Our success rate for apprenticeships is consistently above the national average.

Support built around you

We're here as your support crew. You will have a dedicated apprenticeship liaison officer who will meet with your employer and make sure you are getting the best out of your apprenticeship. 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.

First class teaching

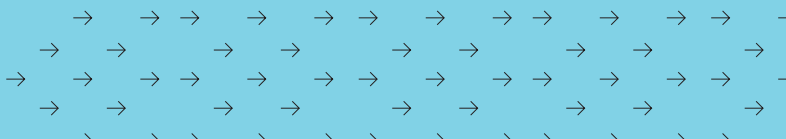
Our teaching staff aren't just expert teachers, they also have experience of working in industry.

Outstanding facilities

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.

Real learning environments

State of the art workshops, hospital ward, dentist surgery, motor vehicle workshop, commercial restaurant, and a professional hair and beauty salon - just some of the realistic work environments you will be using whilst on campus. At NCD, even when you're not at the workplace, you will be gaining experience of using industry-standard equipment.



NEXT STEPS

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

Follow the arrows to see the steps you can take to bag that perfect apprenticeship.



Get started

Find an apprenticeship employer.



Check NCD

View our vacancies at newdur.ac.uk or get in touch with our apprenticeship team.



Web search

Search for vacancies using the apprenticeship website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.



College chat

We'll invite you to chat to our friendly apprenticeship team.



Apply

Apply to the employer and also apply to NCD.



Ask friends

Check job listing websites or ask family or friends if they know anyone looking for an apprentice.



Get the details

We'll talk you through the apprenticeship and you can ask us any questions.



Interview

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



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.



Find out more

The apprenticeships section of our website has everything you need to know about the apprenticeships we offer. There are full courses listings, helpful videos, details on how to apply and top tips on preparing for an apprenticeship. Go to www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk/apprenticeships

You can also get in touch with our apprenticeships team who are happy to offer support and answer your questions.

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

ASC (ADVICE SUPPORT CAREERS)

Tel: 0191 375 4400

email: asc@newdur.ac.uk

APPRENTICESHIP TEAM

Tel: 0191 375 4000

email: apprenticeships@newdur.ac.uk

Disclaimer

The information in this leaflet was correct at time of publication - Sept 2024.

New College Durham issues this information as a general guide to its policies and facilities and reserves the right to modify or alter, without prior notice, any of the contents herein or otherwise advertised.

The college regularly reviews its offer, and therefore courses, qualifications, facilities and fees may be subject to change.

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