

Essential skills

Our Essential Skills department offers a range of qualifications for people who want to develop their English and maths skills to prepare for further education or help them find employment.

If you are planning to study on one of our vocational courses, you will be offered Functional Skills qualifications as part of your learning programme.

Alternatively, you can choose to study one or more of our qualifications as a stand alone qualification. Subjects available are Functional Skills English and Maths at Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2.

Courses are available at our campuses in Ashington, Kirkley Hall, Prudhoe and Berwick. Other venues will be added if there is a demand for them.

Essential skills courses



Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 - Functional Skills English



Code FUS1001P / FUS1002P / FUS1003P

Location Ashington, Kirkley Hall, Berwick, Prudhoe

Ideal if... you would like to gain a recognised qualification in English to help with education or employment prospects.

Entry Level requirements For entry level you don't need any formal qualifications.

Level 1 requirements   You should have two GCSEs at grade F or an entry level qualification.

Level 2 requirements   You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a level 1 qualification.



Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 - Functional Skills Maths



Code FUS1007P / FUS1008P / FUS1009P

Location Ashington, Kirkley Hall, Berwick, Prudhoe

Ideal if... you would like to gain a recognised qualification in maths to help with education or employment prospects.

Entry Level requirements For entry level you don't need any formal qualifications.

Level 1 requirements   You should have two GCSEs at grade F or an entry level qualification.

Level 2 requirements   You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a level 1 qualification.