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Apprenticeship?

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Information technology

Our Information Technology department offers a broad range of learning opportunities for people preparing for a career in fields including web design, IT support, computer networking and server support, as well as training on computer applications for those wishing to develop skills for office based careers.

Our well-equipped IT centre has more than 100 PCs and offers access to a wide range of industry standard software including the full Microsoft Office suite, multimedia applications and access to your own virtual learning environment.

We partner Microsoft, CISCO and CompTIA to bring together a range of unique courses and have four hardware laboratories to offer the very latest in networking, security and operating system developments including Windows 7, Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008.

Many of our full time students studying BTEC courses go on to university and become successful IT graduates, whilst some of our students choose to go into employment in the rapidly expanding IT industry.

Career opportunities...

IT technician, IT support, programmer and software developer are just some of the careers available to you if you study a course in information technology.


Information technology courses

Entry Level and Level 1 - Foundation ICT

Code ITA0085P / ITA0086P **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you have limited experience with IT and want to learn the basics. You will start at entry level and progress to level 1. You will study units including how to operate a computer, troubleshooting problems and editing photographs in Photoshop.

Entry Level requirements You don't need any formal qualifications to join the entry level course.

Level 1 Entry requirements   You should have two GCSEs at grade F

Level 2 - BTEC Diploma in IT

Code ITA0058F **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you want to study a vocational qualification and improve your IT skills. You will study units including web development, graphics and the Microsoft Office suite.

Entry requirements  

You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a relevant level 1 qualification.

Level 2 - Diploma for IT Technicians

Code ITS0003P **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you already possess a basic knowledge and understanding of ICT systems and want to extend your knowledge and skills for employment as an IT technician or in IT support.

Entry requirements  

You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a relevant level 1 qualification and an interest in learning about the installation, configuration, repair and maintenance of computer hardware and software.

Level 2 - Apprenticeship IT and Telecoms Professional

Code ITS0048P **Location** Ashington, Workplace

Ideal if... you work in an IT role and want to gain a recognised qualification. You will study units including systems security, fault diagnosis and repair of IT systems.

Entry requirements    

You should have four GCSEs at grade D in English and maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in IT.

Level 2 - Apprenticeship IT Applications Specialist

Code ITA0088P **Location** Ashington, Workplace

Ideal if... you work in an office environment using a computer and want to gain a recognised qualification for your IT skills.

Entry requirements  

You should have two GCSEs at grade D in English and maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in an office environment.

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Level 3 - BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in IT (Software)

Code ITA0003F **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you want to develop the skills required for employment in the IT sector. You will study units including advanced spreadsheet and database skills, web design and advanced software development skills.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including IT, or a relevant level 2 qualification.

Level 3 - BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Computer Systems and Networking

Code ITA0090F **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you want to develop the skills required for employment as a networking technician.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including IT, or a relevant level 2 qualification such as a Level 2 Diploma.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship IT Applications Specialist

Code ITA0089P **Location** Ashington, Workplace

Ideal if... you work in an office environment using a computer and want to gain a higher level qualification for your IT skills.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in an office environment.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship IT and Telecoms Professional

Code ITS0042P **Location** Ashington, Workplace

Ideal if... you work in an IT role and want to gain a higher level qualification. You will study units including helping companies set up new systems, configuring networks and network management.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in an office environment.