



"Being allowed to try new things has helped me with my path to success."

PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

Who is the Pathways course for?

This one year foundation level programme is designed for school leavers aged 17-20 with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties or moderate learning difficulties, who want to try some work skills while improving their education. There are no entry requirements, however most students will have completed the Bridging Programme.

What does the course cover?

The programme aims to develop students' personal, social and vocational skills and prepare them for the world of work. The course covers subjects including:

- Personal presentation skills
- Home and personal safety
- Citizenship
- Law and order
- Recognising employment opportunities
- Preparing for work
- Independent travel training

Students will also have the opportunity to develop their IT, English and maths skills whilst on the programme.

During the year, students will be able to try their hand in a variety of vocational courses within college including motor mechanics, hair and beauty, catering, construction and animal care. They will also have the opportunity to gain real work experience through placements with local employers.

Experienced and qualified staff provide a safe and secure environment for the students to learn and develop their confidence, both in and outside of class.

What else can students do whilst on the course?

As part of this course students are able to take part in environmental and conservation work, building on their ability to work as part of a team. Students are also encouraged to take part in college wide enrichment activities to provide them with opportunities that enable them to become more independent and confident in dealing with new experiences.

What can students do after the course?

Upon completion of the Pathways course, students could progress onto an entry level or level 1 vocational course at the college, alternatively they may choose to progress into paid employment or further training.

Students will be interviewed before enrolling on a course to find out what level they should be working at.

For more information

To find out more about Northumberland College's Foundation Learning Department and the courses on offer call our advice centre on **01670 841200**, email advice.centre@northland.ac.uk or visit www.northumberland.ac.uk