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Information technology



The information technology department at Northumberland College offers a broad range of learning opportunities for people working in IT, as well as those preparing for a career in fields including IT support, computer networking and server support.

In addition we provide training in a number of computer applications for people who want to develop skills to help them enter or progress in office based careers.

Our suite of full time, part time and short courses begin at entry level and extend to higher education.

A range of convenient locations and flexible learning options mean you can fit your studies around your lifestyle or current work commitments.

Many of our part time courses are offered through the day, in the evenings or by distance learning. They can be accessed at our main campus in Ashington as well as other venues throughout Northumberland including Berwick and Blyth.

In Ashington we have a well equipped IT suite with more than 100 PCs. In the IT centre itself you will have 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 in a number of our networking courses leading to certificated, well recognised qualifications within the industry. We have four hardware laboratories to offer the very latest networking, security and operating system developments including Windows 7, Windows Server 2003 and Windows Server 2008.

We can also offer a range of IT courses to companies wishing to update the skills of their employees. If you are a business owner looking to develop your workforce, our experienced IT staff can discuss courses and funding with you and create a training package tailor made to suit your needs.

"My experience at Northumberland College has genuinely helped me improve my job prospects. After being made redundant I decided to broaden my prospects by taking courses in IT. The tutor was friendly and very helpful and the courses were flexible and perfectly suited to my needs, allowing me to learn in the classroom as well as in my own spare time."

Simon Knight

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Course title	Start date	Wks	Day/Time	Code	Location
Award for IT Users (ITQ) (Entry 3)	17-Sep-10	7	Fri 09:30-12:30	ITA0010P	Ashington
Award for IT Users (ITQ) Level 3	13-Sep-10	35	Mon 18:00-21:00	ITA0079E	Ashington
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	Flexible	52	TBC	ITA0007P	Workplace
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	Flexible	52	TBC	ITA0071D	Workplace
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	17-Sep-10	17	Fri 09:30-12:30	ITA0007P	Blyth
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	09-Nov-10	10	Tue 09:30-12:30	ITA0007P	Blyth
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	Flexible	17	TBC	ITA0007P	Ashington
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 1	12-Nov-10 or 18-Mar-11	10	Fri 09:15-12:15	ITA0007P	Ashington
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	13-Sep-10	17	Mon 18:30-21:30	ITA0057E	Berwick
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	10-Feb-11	14	Thu 09:00-16:00	ITS0039P	Ashington
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	04-Feb-11	17	Fri 09:15-12:15	ITA0008P	Ashington
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	Flexible	52	TBC	ITA0008P	Workplace
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	Flexible	52	TBC	ITA0072D	Workplace
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	27-Sep-10	17	Mon 13:00-16:00	ITA0008P	Blyth
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	11-Feb-11	17	Fri 09:30-12:30	ITA0008P	Blyth
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 2	16-Sep-10	35	Thu 13:00-16:00	ITA0009P	Blyth
Certificate in IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 3	Flexible	52	TBC	ITA0073D	Workplace
Certificate for IT User Skills (ITQ) Level 3	13-Sep-10	35	Mon 18:00-21:00	ITA0078E	Ashington
ECDL Essentials	14-Sep-10	6	Tue 13:00-16:00	ITA0074P	Ashington
ECDL Essentials	14-Sep-10	6	Tue 18:00-21:00	ITA0075E	Ashington
ECDL Essentials	15-Sep-10	6	Wed 18:00-21:00	ITA0075E	Blyth
ECDL Extra	02-Nov-10	29	Tue 13:00-16:00	ITA0076P	Ashington
ECDL Extra	02-Nov-10	29	Tue 18:00-21:00	ITA0077E	Ashington
ECDL Extra	03-Nov-10	29	Wed 18:00-21:00	ITA0077E	Blyth
HNC Computing	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon & Wed 17:00-21:00	ITA9002E	Ashington
Apprenticeship IT and Telecoms Professional Level 2 Programme	Flexible	2 Years	Wed 09:00-17:00	ITS0001D	Ashington
Advanced Apprenticeship IT and Telecoms Professional Level 3 Programme	Flexible	2 Years	TBC	ITS0002D	Ashington

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Certificate for IT Practitioners Level 2	13-Sep-10 or 31-Jan-10	17	Mon & Tue 09:00-16:00	ITS0003P	Ashington
Implementing, Configuring and Managing Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008	13-Sep-10	34	Mon 09:00-16:00	ITS0039P	Ashington
CISCO CCNA (Certificate in IT Pro)	14-Sep-10	34	Tue 09:00-16:00	ITS0043P	Ashington
CISCO CCNA (Certificate in IT Pro)	02-Feb-11	17	Wed 09:00-15:45	ITS0043P	Ashington
CISCO CCNA (Subsidiary Diploma in IT Pro)	13-Sep-10	2 Years	Mon & Wed 18:00-20:30	ITS0044E	Ashington
CISCO CCNA (Subsidiary Diploma in IT Pro)	14-Sep-10	2 Years	Tue 09:00-16:00	ITS0045P	Ashington
PC Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Security – Award in IT User Skills Level 1	17-Sep-10	17	Fri 09:00-12:15	ITS0034P	Ashington
PC Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Security – Award in IT User Skills Level 2	04-Feb-11	17	Fri 09:00-12:15	ITS0046P	Ashington
PC Hardware and Software (A+) (ITQ Level 1)	15-Sep-10 or 02-Feb-10	17	Wed 09:00-16:00	ITS0038P	Ashington
PC Hardware and Software (A+) (ITQ Level 1)	16-Sep-10	34	Thu 15:15-18:15	ITS0038P	Berwick

“The IT and Telecoms workforce has grown to 1.5 million people. Employment in IT professional occupations has almost doubled since the early 1990s. Over 141,000 new entrants a year are needed to fill IT and Telecoms professional job roles.

“Employers reporting gaps in IT user skills say they affect nearly half of their managers.”

Technology Counts: IT and Telecoms Insights 2008