

Learn. Discover. Grow.



We focus on your needs and aspirations to make sure that methods and levels of study are best suited to you, as well as working with you to boost your confidence and underpinning skills for work and life.

As well as your core programme of study with us, you'll gain a number of skills, including English and maths, as well as digital skills to give you a competitive edge as you progress into work or further training.

All Northumberland Skills learners gain access to:

- A more hands on way of learning to give you practical skills and knowledge
- Qualifications that are recognised worldwide
- Excellent pastoral and academic support from our dedicated staff
- Progression to further or higher education, or employment
- A learning environment to help you reach your true potential
- Skills and experience to give you the best start to progress to your future career

English and maths

If you have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above, you'll also work towards a GCSE or Functional Skills qualification as part of your course. If you have a grade 3 in GCSE English and/or maths, you will continue to develop your skills through GCSE sessions. If you have lower than a grade 3 in GCSE English and/or maths, you will study Functional Skills then progress to GCSE.

Study skills and tutorial with experience of work and work experience

Tutorial and study skills will complement your accredited course and provide wrap around support. This includes topics such as:

- Employability skills
- Finances
- Interview skills
- The world of work

Pastoral support will assist you to develop the skills needed for independent study and help with completion of coursework. One-to-one support is also available to offer individual support on an ongoing basis.

Leadership and enterprise skills alongside health, wellbeing, and confidence, ensure that your professional and personal development are prioritised alongside your studies. Experience of work and work experience relating to your vocational area is a vital component to boost knowledge and transferable skills.

Study Programme Information

All learners will study:

- A vocational qualification
- English & maths (if not already achieved)
- Study skills
- Tutorial
- Experience of work/Work experience
- Enrichment activities



**Our full-time programmes of study start in September and January.
Enrol now at your local campus, sites across Northumberland.**

Explore our courses and campuses at www.northumberlandskills.co.uk

Scan me



Childcare Level 1 (Step 3)

Supported education beyond 16 - Study programme information

KEY FACTS

Qualification title and level:	Diploma in Occupational Studies (Level 1)
Awarding organisation:	NCFE
Duration:	36 weeks (full-time)
Study location(s):	Alnwick / Prudhoe

Who is this course for and what will I gain?

The programme is aimed at young people between 16-19 years. This qualification provides learners with the knowledge needed to care for young children. Learn about a child's growth, learning, and development. The skills, knowledge and understanding gained may help learners prepare for work through real or simulated work situations and may contribute to preparing them for working life beyond education.

What units will I study?

This qualification is for you if you're looking to develop new skills or enter a new industry and would like to get a taste of the skills and knowledge required. The range of units available allows learners to focus in one area or experience a variety of disciplines.

- Introduction to health and social care
- Caring for babies and young children
- Understanding children's social and emotional development
- Understanding changing roles and relationships in adolescence
- Using craft activities with children and young people

How and where will I study?

Classroom delivery at Alnwick / Prudhoe campuses.

What are the entry requirements?

You don't need to have any specific prior learning to take this qualification, but you might find it useful if you've already completed an entry 3 qualification in a relevant area.

How will I be assessed?

The qualification will be assessed by your Tutor or Assessor using a range of methods. This could include tasks such as designing charts or leaflets, coursework, or methods such as oral questioning.

Progression and careers:

You could progress to the Level 1 Diploma in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings, or Level 1 Caring for Children. This qualification does not qualify you to work but does provide a starting point for deciding whether a career in the sector is right for you.

For more information please contact:

Email address: shona.richardson@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel number: 01670 623 691