

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



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Welding and fabrication

Study programme information

KEY FACTS

Level of study:	Level 2
Awarding organisation:	EAL
Duration:	36 weeks
Study location(s):	Port of Blyth

Who is this course for and what will I gain?

This course is designed for learners who want a practical, hands on learning experience that will lead to a nationally recognised qualification. You will learn the fundamentals of engineering through the completion of a variety of practical assessments. You will develop your ability to work with hand tools, powered tools as well as a wide range of sheet metal working and fabrication equipment.

What units will I study?

Designed to give you the skills required for a successful career in engineering, units include:

- Working safely in an engineering environment
- Working effectively and efficiently in engineering
- Using and communicating technical information
- Using MIG (Metal Inert Gas)
- Using MMA (Manual Metal Arc) welding equipment
- Producing Platework Assemblies

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How and where will I study?

You will study at our Port of Blyth Welding Centre. A brand-new facility, purpose built for welding and fabrication training. We have outstanding facilities, industry standard equipment that will ensure you are fully prepared for your next steps into industry. The majority of this course is practical and delivered in our workshops by a team of engineers with a huge amount of industrial experience. A more hands on way of learning will give you the practical skills, knowledge and behaviours required to progress.

What are the entry requirements?

successfully completed the Level 1 Engineering/Welding Qualification or 2 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (Incl English and maths). Alternative qualifications may be considered following discussion with the course leader. At the start of your course you will complete an initial assessment to determine your current level of English and maths. This helps to ensure you are on the right course at the right level for you with support in place for you to succeed.

How will I be assessed?

You'll complete a series of practical assessments and underpinning knowledge questions per unit, which will be assessed by your lecturer and scored against set awarding body criteria. You will work towards the completion of a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate competence in Fabrication and Welding. There are no formal examinations - you will be assessed by your tutor at regular intervals.

Progression and careers:

After completing this programme, you will have the skills and confidence to progress into an apprenticeship, pursue a career in welding and fabrication or continue with further education.

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