

# 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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# Pre-vocational (Step 1)

Supported education beyond 16 - Study programme information

## KEY FACTS

<b>Qualification title and level:</b>	Extended Certificate in Pre-vocational study (Entry 2)
<b>Awarding organisation:</b>	Pearson
<b>Duration:</b>	36 weeks (full-time)
<b>Study location(s):</b>	Alnwick / Prudhoe

### Who is this course for and what will I gain?

The programme is aimed at young people between 16-24 years, with an EHC plan, who wish to improve their personal, social and independent living skills in order to be able to manage their relationships, develop confidence and learn vital home management skills in becoming independent.

In addition, a choice of vocationally specific units may help students decide on an appropriate vocational learning or employment progression pathway.

### What units will I study?

The units cover topics such as:

- Personal safety in the community
- Being a customer
- Participating in an enterprise activity
- Managing own money
- Discovering the retail workplace

### 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 qualification in a relevant area.

### How will I be assessed?

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods, which could include written assignments and professional discussion in line with the assessment of learning provided for each unit.

### Progression and careers:

This qualification is designed to support broader learning programmes. The intention is to support the development of skills within a vocational context, therefore, students may progress to any vocational qualification. The primary outcome of this qualification is to support learners in becoming independent and effective in everyday life, learning and work. In addition, the qualification will suit learners who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work.

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