

Engineering



Introduction

Our Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering is a course for those of you serious about a successful and rewarding career in the engineering industry.

Whether you are looking to enter the mechanical, electrical, or maintenance sectors, this course will provide you with advanced hands-on practical instruction, and in-depth theoretical teaching, using industry-standard technology and equipment.

This is an advanced technical qualification that can provide you with a direct route into higher education and degree-level study, or progression into the local engineering sector.

Course overview

On this course you will develop your knowledge of the principles, practices, and theory essential to the engineering industry, whilst also gaining a thorough understanding of workplace health and safety, correct working practices, communications, and industry standards that your future engineering career requires. You will study a total of 15 units and will be expected to work both as part of a team and independently to help you develop a responsibility for your own learning. The programme covers a wide range of subjects from computer aided drafting through to manufacturing (mechanical, electrical and electronic).

You will also complete periods of work experience in the engineering sector.

Example of units covered:

- Engineering principles
- Delivery of engineering processes safely as a team
- Product design and manufacture
- Applied commercial & quality principles
- A specialist engineering project
- Micro-controller systems
- Calculus to solve engineering problems
- Computer aided design in engineering
- Electrical installation of hardware and cables
- Electrical power distribution and transmission
- Static mechanical principles in practice
- Programmable logic controllers
- Maintenance of mechanical systems
- Secondary manufacturing process
- Further maths

Course duration/location

Two years full-time Coutanchez Campus.

Personal development

This course will provide opportunities for you to go beyond purely the engineering practice and theory, as there is a strong thread of personal and skills development embedded in your course allowing you to become reflective, independent participants, leaving the course with self-awareness and an ability to access and apply the knowledge you have gained in a variety of settings.

In addition, you will participate in enrichment activities such as healthy cooking, sports, communication skills and develop a deeper understanding of the society we live in by having the opportunity to explore and discuss current affairs.

Entry criteria

Five GCSEs at grades C/4 or above in a range of subjects including maths at grade 5 or above and English language, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit or above, or relevant experience for mature students.

Assessment method

You will be assessed by a combination of practical assessments, coursework, project work, and examinations.

Some of this will be assessed by your lecturers, internally verified and then externally verified by the awarding organisation.

Progression opportunities

The BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering programme is excellent for preparing you to pursue many of the careers available in local industries. Some of our former students are now power generation engineers, architectural technicians, etc.

Other successful students have progressed to universities in the UK. They have studied degree courses in various branches of engineering including: motorsports, aerospace, electrical, mechanical, civil and marine.

Your tutors will provide information, advice and guidance to help you make informed decisions about your next steps.

Additional learning support

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Some students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams



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