

APPRENTICESHIPS
QUICK GUIDE
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West Nottinghamshire College
Apprenticeships



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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships are a fantastic way of gaining recognition of your skills from undertaking paid, on-the-job training and are available for anyone aged 16+ (subject to eligibility).

Why choose an apprenticeship?

- Earn a wage, get holiday pay as well as company benefits
- Work alongside industry experts
- Gain job-specific skills
- A hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- Get time for training related to your role as a mandatory part of your learning.
- Develop your English and maths skills in line with your apprenticeship's requirements and personal circumstances
- There are no debts as they are funded by the government and/or the employer
- You don't have to wait until September to start an apprenticeship. Many are available to start throughout the year.

Find out more about apprenticeships
wnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships



FACTS ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS*

1,500+ ... apprenticeship job roles available.

1-6 years ...to complete depending on the type of apprenticeship, the level you choose and your previous experience.

6 hours ...a week spent training or studying.

93% ...of apprentices remain employed on completion.

700+ ...different apprenticeships available covering everything from accountancy to zoo keeping, there is an apprenticeship out there for everyone.

*information taken from gov.uk

IS AN APPRENTICESHIP A GOOD CHOICE FOR ME?

Apprenticeships can be a fantastic choice for school leavers or for anyone looking to progress their career in the workplace. It's important to do your research and to look at all of your education and training options.

WHAT APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

	Levels	2	3	4	5
Automotive					
Auto Care Technician					
Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance					
Business, Retail and Management					
Business Administration					
Customer Service					
Hire Controller					
Human Resources					
Retail					
Team Leadership and Management					
Construction					
Bricklaying					
Carpentry and Joinery					
Gas Engineering Operative					
Installation and Maintenance Electrician					
Low Carbon Heating Technician					
Painter and Decorator					
Plasterer					
Property Maintenance Operative					
Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Engineering Technician					
Wood Product Manufacturing Operative					
Digital and IT					
Cyber Security Technician					
Data Technician					

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Information Communications Technician					
Multi-channel Marketer					
Software Development Technician					
Education and Early Years					
Early Years Educator					
School Business Professional					
Teaching Assistant					
Engineering					
Engineering (various routes/specialism)					
Engineering and Manufacturing					
Engineering Fitter					
Machining Technician					
Welding and Fabrication					
Finance					
Accounting (including AAT)					
Hair and Beauty					
Barbering					
Beauty					
Hairdressing					
Sport					
Sport Coach					
Transport and Logistics					
Driving Goods Vehicles					
Supply Chain					
Warehousing					

WHAT LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE?
We currently offer three different levels of apprenticeships:



View current vacancies
wnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies



Create a backup plan
School leavers - remember to keep your options open and apply for a college place too!

READY TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE? >>>>

Your first step is to register your interest with us (for those still in school, we highly recommend you do this at the start of your final year of GCSEs). To get started on your journey, follow the steps below:

- 1 Register your interest**
Visit wnc.ac.uk/apprenticeships and tell us what type of apprenticeship you're interested in. You will then receive an email asking for a few key details.
- 2 Build your profile**
When you're ready to start your journey, we will get in touch to support you in taking a functional skills assessment in English, maths and IT, and help you build your candidate profile.
- 3 Apply for an opportunity**
Once you're ready, we will start to share relevant vacancies, discuss their entry requirements and help you apply. If you are available for opportunities straight away, we can begin working with you immediately, so get in touch!
- 4 Get started!**
If your application is successful, we will help you prepare for your interview. If you then receive an offer, we will help you to get started in your new role.



Our team will be in touch with more information about apprenticeships and current vacancies.

We're proud to work with...

Abacus Lighting	Mitie
AF Switchgear Ltd	Nottingham City Homes
Ashfield District Council	NHS England
Briggs and Forrester	Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust
Dawsongroup	Nottinghamshire Police
Deanestor	Profine UK
Friction Marketing Company Ltd	R&D Tool and Engineering Ltd
Galliford Trust	Sherwood Forest Hospitals
Glenair UK Ltd	NHS Foundation Trust
Heroux Devtek	Speedy Hire
ITD Aero	TEW Engineering Ltd
Mansfield District Council	Vaughandale Construction
Mark Leeson	Yusen Logistics (UK) Ltd
Matthews and Tannert	



Tips for applying for an apprenticeship

- 1 Put in the effort** - As with any job, you want your application to stand out so set time aside to concentrate on your application and make it unique.
- 2 Make a good first impression** - Double check your spelling, grammar and statements to show you pay attention to detail.
- 3 Practice and prepare** - As part of your application, you will need to successfully pass an interview. Give yourself the best chance of succeeding by working with the college's apprenticeship and support teams. They can help you to prepare for questions and help to manage any feelings of nerves or anxiety.
- 4 Be yourself** - Employers not only look for candidates with the right skills, but also the right attitude and values for their company. Tell them what achievements you're proud of, what motivates you and why you're different.
- 5 Don't get disheartened** - Sometimes things don't work out straight away, but that doesn't mean your journey ends there. We will continue to help you find the right opportunity so don't give up.

Do I find my own employer or do you help with this?

We can match you with employers who are looking for apprentices and guide you through the interview process. Already found your own employer? We can still help by providing the training. Whatever your situation, we're here to support you every step of the way.

ATTEND AN APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

If you want to find out more, come along to an apprenticeship event where you can meet employers, view current vacancies and ask questions.

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

Thursday 19 March | 5.30-7.30pm



COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 11 October | 10am - 1pm
Saturday 29 November | 10am - 1pm
Saturday 24 January | 10am - 1pm
Thursday 30 April | 5.30 - 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 June | 5.30 - 7.30pm

BOOK NOW | wnc.ac.uk/events

MEET THE LEARNER ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Unsure about your next steps?
Then speak to our friendly learner engagement team. They can meet with you on a 1-to-1 basis to look at all your options.

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