

Level 1 Diploma in Construction Skills

Location	Stretford Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Building Services
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Course Code	TFP-BS1D-1200

Course Overview

These qualifications provide the ideal introduction to the construction industry and cover essential skills in the following construction trades: bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, plastering, painting and decorating, construction operations, wall and floor tiling, electrical and plumbing.

Assessment materials are available to download under the Assessment Materials section of the relevant Level (see grey tab above). The phases cover the following trade areas:

Phase 1: Generic Units, Bricklaying, Joinery

Phase 2: Wall & Floor Tiling, Construction, Operations, Painting & Decorating

Phase 3: Carpentry

Phase 4: Plastering, Plumbing, Electrical

These qualifications are suitable for 14-19 year olds, or for individuals of any age wanting an introduction to the variety of construction trades, to gain skills in those areas and perhaps to decide which trade is the right one to pursue a career in

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 2 or above (including Grade 3 or above in maths and English Language).

What You Will Learn

Learning for this course will take place both in the classroom and in the workshop. you will develop your skills in numerous trades such as bricklaying, construction, and joinery.

Assessment

Each unit is assessed via practical assignments, and there is an optional e-assessment available.

Progression

You could progress onto a level 2 in construction skills, or focus on a specific area within the construction industry and go on to study plumbing, electrical installation, or carpentry. you could look to do an apprenticeship, or possibly see if there are any low level employment opportunities in any of the aforementioned fields

Career Options

Further study would likely be required, however, careers you could pursue down the line could include electrician, joiner, carpenter, builder etc.

Mandatory Units

The following units will be covered:

- Developing site carpentry skills
- Developing bench joinery skills
- Developing cabinet making skills
- Developing flooring skills
- Developing partitioning skills
- Developing hand tool maintenance skills
- Developing hand plane skills
- Developing pipework skills
- Developing skills in fitted interiors
- Developing brickwork skills
- Developing quoin skills
- Developing paint finishing skills
- Developing surface preparation skills
- Developing papering skills
- Developing hardwood finishing skills
- Developing blockwork skills
- Developing rendering skills
- Developing plastering skills
- Developing tiling skills

Contact Details

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