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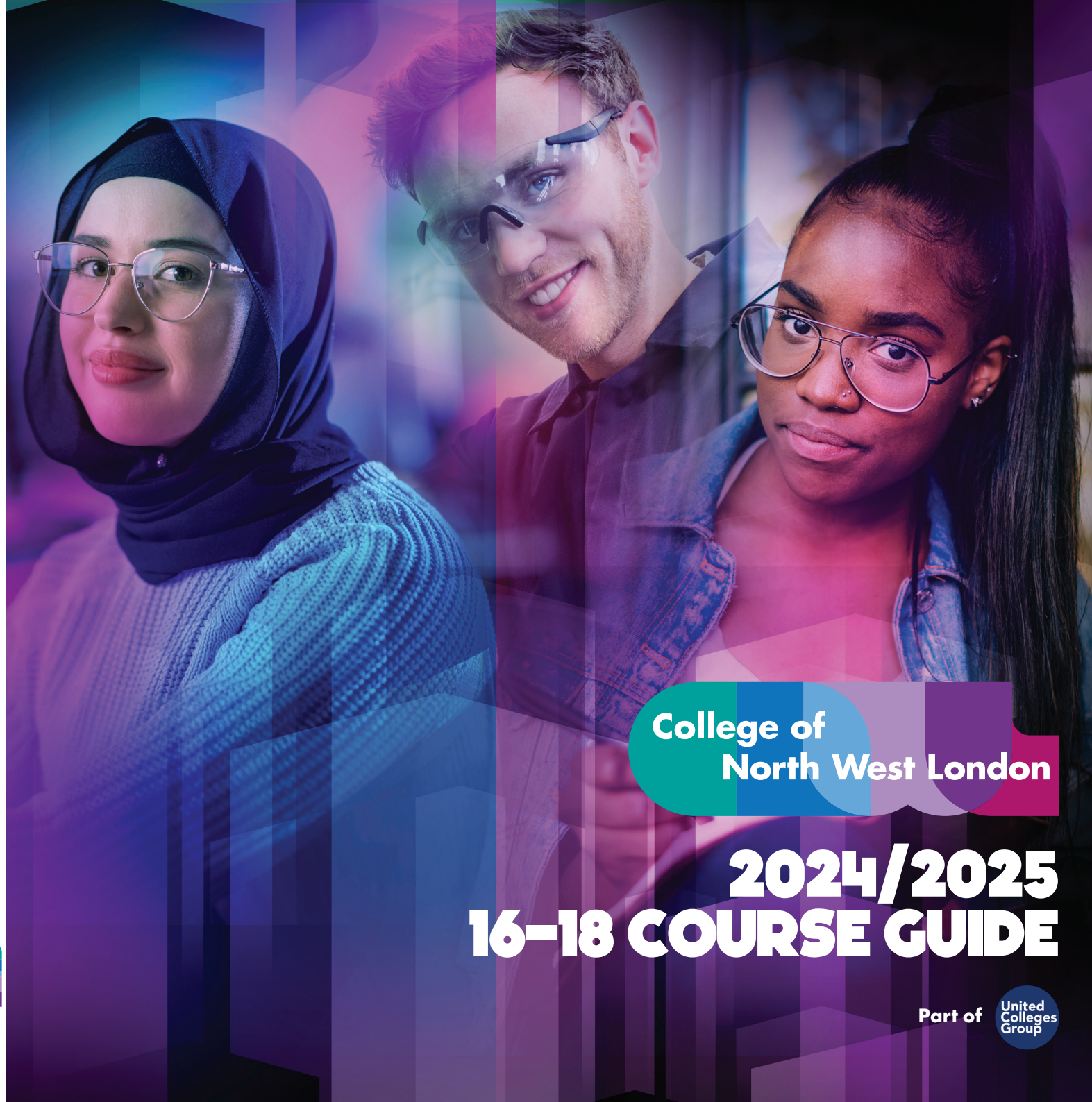
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# 2024/2025 16-18 COURSE GUIDE

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# OPEN EVENTS

Whether you already know what you want to study, or looking for some inspiration, we would love to see you at our upcoming Open Events. The perfect way to find out more about life at the College of North West London, our Open Events are open to school leavers, those looking for Apprenticeships and adult learners interested in professional, degree level or leisure courses.

**Join us at our upcoming Open Events to:**

- Find out more about our courses
- Hear from our teachers and students
- Speak to a careers advisor
- Take a tour of our facilities
- Get information on what support is available and more...

**Thursday 16 November 2023, 5-7pm**  
**Willesden Campus**

**Wednesday 10 January 2024, 5-7pm**  
**Willesden Campus**

**Saturday 11 May 2024, 10am-1pm**  
**Willesden Campus**

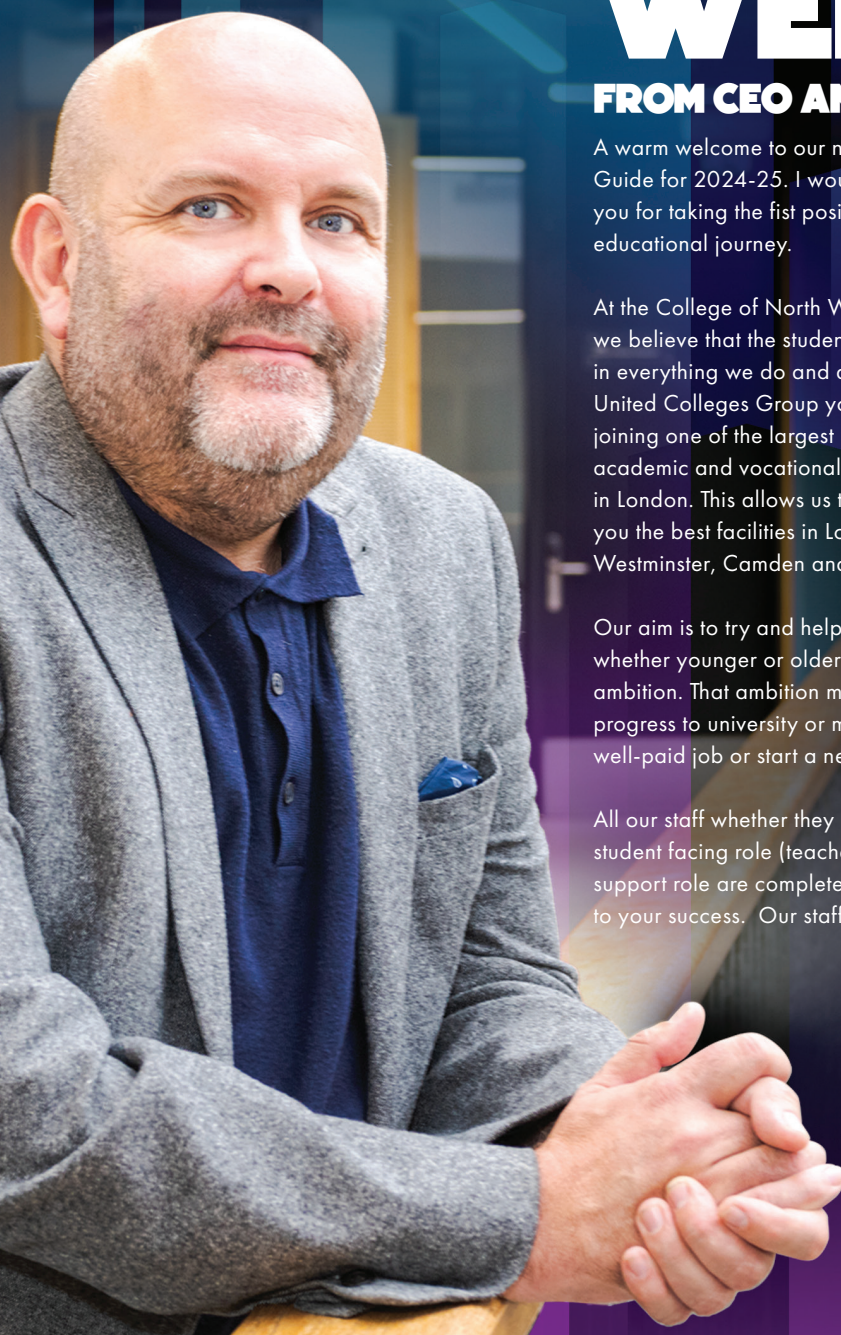


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# WELCOME

## FROM CEO AND GROUP PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to our new Course Guide for 2024-25. I would like to thank you for taking the first positive step in your educational journey.

At the College of North West London, we believe that the student comes first in everything we do and as part of the United Colleges Group you will be joining one of the largest provider of academic and vocational education in London. This allows us to provide you the best facilities in London across Westminster, Camden and Brent.

Our aim is to try and help our students, whether younger or older, achieve their ambition. That ambition may well be to progress to university or move into a well-paid job or start a new career path.

All our staff whether they are in a student facing role (teachers) or student support role are completely committed to your success. Our staff will ensure

you are stretched academically and if you have special educational needs and disabilities are expertly supported, allowing us to bring out the best in everyone. Regardless of background, starting point or past successes or failures we will ensure that you excel and achieve your ambition, an ambition that we will help grow.

Whilst at college, you may wish to take part in our wide range of enrichment activities which include clubs and societies, sport and physical activities and voluntary work on top of your main course. All aspects of your study will help when you apply to university or pursue a career at the end of your time with us.

The information in this course guide will help you make the right choices. Making the right choice now is essential to your future career. I hope you decide to join us and I look forward to welcoming you.

**Stephen Davis**  
Group Principal and  
Chief Executive Officer



# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are a college with your interests at the heart of everything we do, with a wide course offer for both school leavers and for those of you wishing to improve or add to your skills, retrain or re-enter employment, whatever your age.

As you will see in the following pages, we offer courses from ESOL to engineering, construction to computing, maths to motor vehicle and media. We offer clear routes from entry level to higher level technical and vocational skills and on up to Higher Education.

We have courses that allow you to progress at all ages across pathways including science, early years, health and social care and hair and beauty. Many of our courses offer 'Licence to Practise' qualifications which provide skills in demand from employers or provide routes to self-employment.

More than this, we support you at every step in your studies, with a range of financial and individual student support for those who need it, alongside highly skilled tutors supporting your progress. Our students tell us that they enjoy Studying here. I very much hope that you will join us.

**James Wilson**  
Deputy Principal

**Angela Jackson**  
Deputy Principal





# WHY STUDY WITH US?

**“We’re passionate about your success, and in providing you with outstanding teaching and learning, in a nurturing and encouraging environment.”**

## **Over 250 career-focused courses to choose from**

With so much choice, we’re confident we have a course to help you achieve your career ambitions.

## **Get award-winning support every step of the way**

Accessible to you from day one to the day you leave, our support teams hold Matrix accreditation in recognition of the high-quality support and guidance we give our students.

## **You’ll be taught by tutors with industry experience**

You’ll be taught by expert staff who are active in their industries and bring current knowledge into the classroom - so your learning is always relevant to employers.

## **We help you get work ready**

Our dedicated Work Experience team help you secure work placements most relevant to your future career.

## **Partnerships with successful universities**

Our partnerships with local universities such as Middlesex University and Birkbeck College allow you to enter the final year of a degree programme after the completion of a foundation degree or HNC/HND.

## **Keeping Things Flexible**

Our courses are designed to meet your

needs and support your development.

## **Kick-start your career with one of our Apprenticeships**

Boasting high success rates, exceptional employer links, and rated Good by Ofsted, our Apprenticeships are a great way to start your career straight away.

## **Microsoft Showcase College**

We are at the forefront of technology education, with our Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts enriching the learning journey of our students. Our collaboration with global leaders ensures that you receive the best technology

enhanced learning experiences.

## **Our Focus... is You**

We provide a close-knit and supportive learning environment with expert lecturers, industry links and great facilities.

## **Giving you more than just a qualification**

From joining the Student Voice, becoming a student representative or a student governor to joining one of our clubs and societies, and/or getting on the Student Activity Programme, we help you develop personally, academically, and professional.



# OUR CAMPUSES

**We have campuses based in Brent, and a specialist construction skills centre in Kings Cross, all boasting their own unique character, diverse student population and professional facilities.**

**Each campus specialises in offering specific subject areas so if you are considering a course, be sure to check which campus we offer it at.**

## WILLESDEN

Address: Denzil Road (off Dudden Hill Lane ), London, NW10 2XD

The College's main and largest campus, the Willesden campus, is situated in North West London. Bright and vibrant, the campus offers a range of cutting-edge facilities, exciting courses and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Courses available at this campus include:

- Early Years
- ESOL
- Engineering, Construction & the Built Environment
- English & Maths
- Health & Social Care
- IT
- Life Long Learning
- Science
- Supported Learning

The Campus will be experiencing some change due this academic year. Our upmost priority is to ensure uninterrupted study space.

The campus is near Dollis Hill and Neasden tube stations (about 5 minutes' walk from either), both on the Jubilee Line.



## WEMBLEY PARK

Address: Wembley Park Drive, Wembley, London, HA9 8HQ

Situated in one of London's most exciting cultural neighbourhoods, our Wembley campus is near London's most iconic concert venue – the SSE Arena and the world-famous National Stadium. The campus offers great access to a wide range of local amenities, transportation links and the Wembley Box Park.

Our Wembley campus also boasts great hair and beauty training salons which are open to the public.

Courses available at this campus include:

- Early Years
- ESOL
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care

The campus is a stone's throw away from Wembley Park (1 minute walk – the College is just over the road) with connections for the Metropolitan, Jubilee and Chiltern lines.



## FORUM HOUSE

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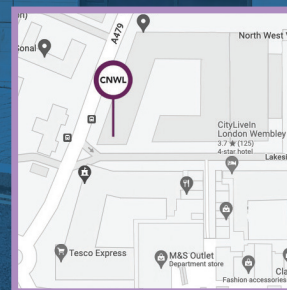
The College of North West London Forum House site offers facilities specialising in ESOL courses. The campus is in the heart of Wembley, offering access to shops, transport and recreational venues such as Boxpark. Close to the iconic SSE Arena and Wembley Stadium, Forum House is the perfect location for students.

Forum House has connections for the Metropolitan, Jubilee and Chiltern lines.

Courses available at

Forum House:

- ESOL







## KINGS CROSS

Address: King's Cross Construction Skills Centre,  
180 York Way, King's Cross, London, N1C 0AZ

The College of North West London's King's Cross campus is a Training Centre for the Construction sector in the King's Cross regeneration zone in London. Home to industry-standard workshops for Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Construction and Plumbing, you'll find our King's Cross campus offers a friendly atmosphere complemented by great teaching.

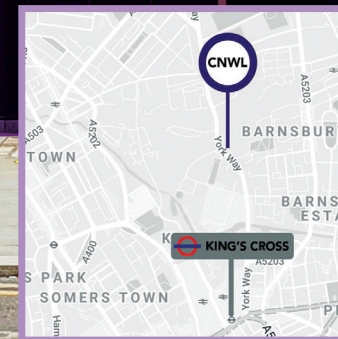
The Centre offers training programmes including Apprenticeships for companies and courses for individual students.

Courses available at this campus include:

- Basic Construction Skills
- Carpentry
- Electrical Installation
- Plumbing
- Short courses in Construction Skills for Adults

The campus is close to underground and rail stations and is served by major bus routes. It also has extensive motorbike and bicycle parking facilities including the Santander bike hubs.

The campus is a 12-minute walk from King's Cross St Pancras station.



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# OUR GROUP

**The United Colleges Group is made up of the College of North West London and City of Westminster College.**

At the United Colleges Group, we work with students, the community, government, employers and partners to support thousands of people reach their goals, whether that be starting a career, progressing onto further or higher education or developing their skills. Education is at the centre of everything we do, and we pride ourselves on our commitment to delivering this.

United Colleges Group offers education and training in almost all vocational areas

at a variety of levels for a wide range of learners of all ages and starting points.

Sector specialisms include Business & Accountancy, Construction, Engineering, Green Skills, IT, Health and Wellbeing, Creative Industries & Digital, Supported Learning, Lifelong learning and more.

UCG has extensive and effective links with key employers in London and nationally, including Crossrail, MetroNet, London Underground, Skanska and Land Securities, United Biscuits, Arup, Atkins, and McLaren. The Group has the capacity to respond effectively to the skills needs of London, and to deliver on national contracts.







# FANTASTIC FACILITIES

We've created an environment that sets the stage for an unforgettable student experience. Prepare to be amazed by our outstanding facilities! Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:



## WHAT'S ON OFFER:

- **Professional Hair and Beauty Training Salons:**  
Where students and staff enjoy top-notch treatments at exclusive discounted rates.
- **Fully Equipped Science Labs:**  
Explore the wonders of science in our state-of-the-art laboratories.
- **Industry-Standard Construction and Engineering Workshops:**  
Get hands-on experience in cutting-edge facilities.
- **Learning Resource Centres (LRC):**  
Each campus boasts its very own LRC, a haven for focused study and collaborative learning. With laptops, computers, printing services, a wealth of study materials, and friendly staff ready to assist, you'll have all the tools you need for success.
- **Sports Facilities:**  
Feel the adrenaline rush at our outdoor gym located at the Willesden campus. Plus, enjoy exclusive discounts at local gyms.
- **On-Site Canteen:**  
Satisfy your cravings with a delectable array of hot and cold food options.
- **Multi-Faith Room:**  
Find solace and space for reflection and prayer.
- **Dedicated Learning and Socialising Spaces:**  
Whether you're diving into your studies or connecting with fellow students, we've got the perfect spots to enhance your academic and social journey.







# QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

Whether you're better at completing coursework with the ambition of going to University, or you're more hands-on and inclined towards training on-the-job, we offer a diverse and exciting range of vocational and practical courses for you to choose from.

### Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a job combined with training so you can earn a wage while you learn and gain recognised qualifications. Training takes place at your workplace and in college but in some cases all training is provided in the workplace, with tutors visiting you. To do an Apprenticeship, you must already be in suitable employment or have an offer of employment within your chosen occupation.

### NVQs

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) are vocational awards achieved through

assessment and training, usually in the workplace. These are competence-based qualifications where people learn practical, work-related tasks to help develop the skills and knowledge to increase their effectiveness.

### BTEC, UAL, NCFE, CACHE, City & Guilds, IMI Certificates/Diplomas

These are courses with a vocational focus recommended for those interested in a particular area of study e.g., Performing Arts or Information Technology. They are coursework-based

qualifications with very few or no exams and are continually assessed in order for you to review and improve your performance.

### BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas

are delivered as two one-year programmes:  
Year 1 – Subsidiary Diploma  
Year 2 – Diploma/Extended Diploma  
students are expected to satisfactorily complete the Subsidiary Diploma programme prior to being considered for the Diploma or Extended Diploma.

### HNCs, HNDs & Foundation Degrees

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are university level qualifications, designed to give you specialist knowledge in your chosen field. Foundation degrees are equivalent to the first two years of a degree and combine vocational and academic study. Foundation degrees, HNCs and HNDs can lead to top-up degrees at a partner or participating University.

# CHOOSE YOUR NEXT LEVEL

## Find the Course Level that's Right for You

Deciding what course is right for you is important and it's easy to get overwhelmed by all the different levels. We've put together a quick guide to help you understand the different levels available, what they mean and what their entry requirements are.

### ENTRY LEVEL

If you have no formal qualifications then this could be a good place to start. Our ESOL courses are at Entry Level and are designed to give you an understanding of the English language in preparation for a higher level course.

2 courses are the equivalent of 4-5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above.

### LEVEL 3

Level 3 courses will further develop your knowledge and understanding of your chosen subject area. They generally last two years and enable you to earn UCAS points to go onto university or into employment. If you have at least 4 GCSEs at grade 9-4/A\*-C or a Level 2 qualification then you should be aiming at studying a Level 3 course.

### LEVEL 4 AND ABOVE

These courses fall into the category of Higher Education and are equivalent to courses taught at universities. They help you gain specialist knowledge and understanding of a specific subject.

### LEVEL 1

Level 1 courses provide a general introduction to skills, tasks and knowledge. If you have at least 2 GCSEs at grade 2/E or above or an Entry Level qualification, then a Level 1 qualification might be the right level for you.

### LEVEL 2

If you have 4 GCSEs at grade 3/D or above or a Level 1 qualification, you could apply for a Level 2 course. Once completed, Level





# YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

**In today's competitive market, we want to ensure you stand out from the crowd. Your study programme is specially designed to help give you the best possible start to your career.**

Alongside your main qualification, you'll study English and Maths, complete work experience and take part in enrichment activities to improve your personal and employability skills.

## **1. Your main qualification (in the subject area of your choice)**

You will still study the same post-school qualifications for your particular

subject area (i.e., you'll go in at level 2 and work up to level 3 in the traditional way). You could be training to become a hairdresser or taking an engineering study programme to become an electrician.

## **2. Development of employability skills and relevant work experience**

When it's time for you to apply for a job, you will be well prepared with a great

CV, real-life work experience and solid interview techniques. We'll help you navigate the job market and overcome any interview process nerves.

## **3. Both personal and professional development**

Want to know how you're progressing? We will assign you a personal development tutor to support you through your time and track your progress.

## **4. The study of English and Maths.**

Employees will want to know that your level of English and Maths are of a sufficient level regardless of the career you embark on. For example, if you're an aspiring construction worker, you'll need to know how to calculate distances and estimate or if you would like to work in catering and hospitality, you'll need to know how to handle money and write emails. Of course, the level of numerical knowledge you need will vary depending on your chosen subject (accounting students will learn at a higher level for example).

## **Did you know?**

Many employers look for qualifications in English and Maths, and many will overlook applicants that don't have a pass in these subjects. You'll also need them to progress in Further Education or study at degree-level. To gain your qualification, you'll need to pass all parts of your study programme.



# ENGLISH, MATHS AND SKILLS

If you are a school leaver and aged 16 – 18, you will be taking a Study Programme, which will include your main subjects along with tutorial time, work experience relevant to your subject of study, and depending on your GCSE grades, a combination of English, Maths or Skills lessons.

If you have your English and Maths at grade 4 or above, you will be working on Skills that are specially related to the subject you are studying, providing you with the actual skills and knowledge you will need when you get a job. If you are working towards your grade 4 in either English, Maths, or both, you will continue to take qualifications to support you to gain those grades. Depending on the combination of the subjects you need, you may be taking Skills sessions alongside English and Maths re-takes.





We pride ourselves on running inspiring and engaging courses, which develop your creative thinking and provide you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the world of work.

# SET YOUR COURSE TO SUCCESS

Our courses are designed with your employability in mind; from work placements and real-life projects to facilities mirroring industry, they provide an excellent launchpad for your future career.

From full-time, part-time, or short course options available, choose your course with our diverse range of subject areas.

## Apprenticeships

Work for an employer, earn a salary and achieve qualifications all whilst gaining valuable work skills and experience.

## Adult learners

As well as full-time level 1-3 courses, we also have a range of part-time courses to fit around your life commitments.

## Short Professional

These are short courses designed to help you upgrade your skills and improve your job prospects.

## Higher Education

We have degree-level courses equivalent to the first and second year of a degree, with the option to top-up to a full degree.







**Succeeding in today's job market is not just about possessing the right skills, knowledge, and qualifications; it also hinges on your attitude and the vital 'soft skills' that enhance your employability. We are fully committed to your personal, social, and professional development. This commitment is evident in our approach, as we incorporate essential employability and enterprise skills into all aspects of our programs. We also collaborate closely with employers to provide you with valuable opportunities to acquire the skills required in the workplace.**

#### **Supporting your employability**

Our college offers a range of resources to enhance your employability. This includes UCAS and CV workshops, interview practice, and job preparation. We have a dedicated Careers team that works closely with both teaching staff and students. Additionally, our Employer Engagement and Business Development Team collaborates with employers and businesses.

#### **Apprenticeships**

We have strong connections with apprenticeship agencies to ensure that students seeking apprenticeships receive support in making informed choices about their careers and employment opportunities.

#### **Local and National Employer Partnerships**

We work closely with a variety of national businesses, including Age UK, Boots, the British Heart Foundation, Cutting Crew, GAP, Hobbs, McAleer and Rushe, M&S, the Paddington Partnerships, Sisk, Wates, and more.

#### **Aligning Learning with Industry Relevance:**

We partner with employers to ensure that our vocational programs remain up-to-date and relevant. Our teaching staff actively establish links to employment in their teaching

and assessment. Additionally, we arrange visits to various work environments, such as hotels, construction sites, and banks, to provide you with first hand exposure to the professional world.

#### **Work experience**

We aim to provide all our 16-18 year old students with a work experience package. We also offer the Super WEX programme for Level 2 and 3 learners. It combines classroom learning with 315 hours (40-50 days) of meaningful 'on-the-job' experience.

## **STEPS TO SUCCEED**

### **SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS**

- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Evaluation skills
- Critical thinking

### **EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS**

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Managing conflict
- Working with different people

### **CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS**

- CV writing
- Job search
- Interview skills
- Presentation skills

### **RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS**

- Planning for the future
- Mentoring and helping others
- Showing integrity and accountability





**It's your Student Council – and that means you can take an active part in shaping it.**

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

**As well as reaching your full potential in your studies, we want you to enjoy your time with us and make memories you'll cherish for life. We've developed a fun-packed programme of activities for you to get involved in outside of class. From thrilling themed days, social activities and events on-campus to our vibrant Freshers' Fair, and cultural and sports teams. There are plenty of ways for you to get stuck into college life at the College of North West London.**

## **Student Activity Programme**

The Student Activity Programme consists of a range of social activities available to all our students. Activities take place on college campuses as well as external sports and leisure venues. Getting involved in the Programme is a great way to make friends and pick up new skills. Depending on your age, you can join activities free-of-charge or at a discounted rate.

## **Student Enrichment Programme**

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a discount depending on your age.  
Email: [enrichment@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:enrichment@ucg.ac.uk)

## **Get Involved**

There are lots of ways you can get yourself involved in college life, meet other students, gain valuable experience and make your voice heard – all of which will look great on your CV.

## **Student Voice**

The College believes that each students' voice/opinions count and are important. We want to hear what you have to say so that we can improve yours and everyone's learning experience. If you want to make a difference to other learner's lives at the college, you can get involved and consider becoming a Course Rep, a Student Council member and/or a Student Ambassador.  
Email: [studentcouncil@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:studentcouncil@ucg.ac.uk)

## **Student Council and Student Governors**

Student Governors are elected from the Student Council and sit on the Governing Body of the College, making sure that the views and voices of students are heard. They work closely with the governors and senior staff to help improve the education and teaching at College of North West London. It's your Student Council – and that means you can take an active part in shaping it. We encourage you to develop clubs and societies, organise trips and various other leisure and sporting activities.

## **Course Reps**

Each course elects Course Representatives, and they are invited to attend meetings to discuss their opinions, offer suggestions and give feedback on their course and what it is like to be a student at the college.

## **Student Ambassadors**

We are proud of our students and encourage them to gain skills that go beyond their qualifications. Students are able to volunteer which offers learners the chance to contribute to College life, helping out with College events such as Welcome Fairs, Higher Education Fairs, Open Days, Award ceremonies and Community Projects. Student Ambassadors continue to help out at internal and external events and are given the opportunity to gain paid work during the College's enrolment period. Our Ambassador programme gives students real, practical, transferable skills they can use for work and experience they can put on their UCAS applications and CVs. Being a student at the College of North West London is your opportunity to play an active role in your community, make friends, learn new things and ensure your voice is heard.

We want to work with you to improve the College and, by getting involved, you can help make a real opportunity to play an active role in your community, make friends, learn new things and ensure your voice is heard. We want to work with you to improve the College and, by getting involved, you can help make a real difference.







# STUDENT SUPPORT

**We make every effort to ensure that you make a success of your time with us. That is why we offer student support and welfare services dedicated to providing you with careers guidance, additional learning support, personal and academic development, mental health support and more.**

Our Student Advisors/Support Officers offer impartial advice and guidance on:

- Financial support for students: 16-19 Bursary, Care to Learn applications, Discretionary Learner Support Funds, 19+ Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund, HE Hardship Fund
- Financial support for help with childcare costs
- Referrals to Emergency Housing Advice and information

- Welfare benefits information and support
- Domestic violence - emergency advice and referrals to specialist support services
- Personal/emotional support and referrals to longer term support including the Mental Health Support Team at the College
- Sexual health signposting including issuing free condoms

- Period Poverty packs to young people  
To contact an Advisor before you apply for a course, please email [studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk) and speak to a member of the team.

## **Supporting Looked after Children and Care Leavers**

If you are a looked after child, a young person leaving care or a young person estranged from family please come and

see one of our friendly Student Advisors/Support Officers. We can check that you are aware of the support available to you and have applied for the Nominated Bursary. We can also make contact with your social worker or Personal Advisor. Contact with your professional network will help us to help you to succeed on your course.

## **Young carer**

We appreciate that studying and caring can be both difficult and challenging. If you are a young carer, please speak to a Student Advisor/Support Officer.

## **Young parent**

If you are a young parent, please speak

to a Student Advisor/Support Officer for support with applying for Care to Learn or once you have applied for Care to Learn. They will need to complete the Education part of the application.

## **Asylum seeker**

If you are an Asylum Seeker on NASS support, please speak to a Student Advisor/Support Officer. They can advise you on alternative support to help you on your course. For further information, email: [studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk)

## **Mental health and wellbeing**

The mental health and well-being of our students is our top priority. We take a practical approach to supporting and

meeting the needs of all our students. If you're experiencing any form of mental health problems or are finding it challenging to cope at any time during your studies, we can support you.

We have a highly experienced mental health team to provide you with both practical and emotional support. We can provide support in making reasonable adjustments to meet your individual needs as well as respecting your confidentiality. Please visit [cnwl.ac.uk](http://cnwl.ac.uk) to complete the online referral form and a mental health advisor will contact you to arrange an appointment to assess your needs and to offer the appropriate support.





### Careers Advice

We have a team of Careers Advisors who can offer you confidential and impartial information, advice and guidance to help you decide on your next career steps. They can help you with UCAS and apprenticeship applications, further study, employment and training opportunities. Our College Careers Advisors can also help with internal and external progression information if you are considering other College courses. You can email the careers team on [careers@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:careers@ucg.ac.uk)

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### Induction

The College provides an Induction Programme for all students. This usually takes place at the start of a course. During your induction as well as finding out more about the course you have enrolled onto, induction helps you get to know your peers and find out about the support services and facilities available to you at the College. You will also work with tutors to identify your target grades and agree actions to ensure you progress in your area of study. If you

join a course late, please speak to your tutor to find information relating to induction.

### Equal Opportunities

We are committed to providing education and training for all, inclusive of ethnicity, gender, disability, religion, age or sexual orientation. Our Equal Opportunities Policy is monitored and reviewed regularly to make sure that we offer resources and learning support to empower every student to succeed, regardless of their background. We host events, awareness days and workshops to challenge discrimination and celebrate diversity in our community and we regularly collect student feedback through surveys. We value your input in how to make United Colleges Group a more inclusive and vibrant place to study.

### LGBTQ+ Support

College of North West London actively

supports its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students and College staff members. We have a zero-tolerance approach towards homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and all forms of discrimination. Q+ is our support and allyship group for both students and staff – Q+ meets regularly during term for both social gatherings and active support. If you'd like more information, please contact: [lgbtq@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@ucg.ac.uk)

### Additional Learning Support

Whether you have a learning difficulty/disability such as dyslexia and Asperger's/Autism, need help with English or maths, have a physical disability, or a EHCP plan, or need support because English is not your first language, our specialist Additional Learning Support team can help you throughout your studies. Please be sure to put any learning needs on your application form so we can ensure the

support is in place when you start your course. For more information about the support available or to arrange a confidential pre-entry interview, contact the Additional Learning Support Team via email at: [studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk)

### Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring all our learners are in a safe and secure environment. Here at College of North West London we have a dedicated team of staff that you can contact at any time no matter how big or small the matter that you wish to speak about. If a student has a concern about themselves or another student, please contact [safeguarding@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ucg.ac.uk)

### Togetherall

CNWL students going through a tough time can access free online support with Togetherall. Whether you're struggling to sleep, feeling low, stressed or unable

to cope, Togetherall can help you get support, take control and feel better. Our students have access to a 24/7 online global community and professional support from trained professionals. Togetherall provides a safe space online to get things off your chest, explore your feelings, get creative and learn how to self-manage your mental health and wellbeing.







# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Finances shouldn't be a barrier to education. We're passionate about ensuring education is accessible to everyone so we offer a range of support packages to help finance your studies and support you during your course. (Please note, the range of support is different for students aged 16-18 and those aged over 19.)**

## **Course fees**

Your course fees, if any, will depend upon your personal circumstances such as your residential status (home or international), age, whether you are in receipt of benefits and/or seeking work and the course itself and how it is funded.

## **16-18 year olds**

All our Entry to Level 3 courses are free to UK, EU and EEA\* residents who are under 19 years old on the 31st August 2024. For some specific courses, you may be expected to contribute towards

the cost of specialist materials and resources. However depending on the circumstances you may be eligible for financial help from the College's Learner Support Fund. If you're eligible for any kind of financial support, you should apply for this as soon as you have been offered a place on a course. This will ensure the support is in place when you start.

## **Adults**

If you are aged 19 or over on the 31st August 2024 you will normally be required to pay

a course fee. However, there are some exceptions for UK/EU or EEA\* residents.

## **What will the cost of my course include?**

The cost of your course will include tuition fees and examination fees where applicable. Where a course requires additional specialist materials there may be an additional cost. Some courses are cheaper than others because they are part funded by the government some of these courses may also attract concessionary fees for some people.

\*European Economic Area

**Depending on the circumstances you may be eligible for financial help from the College's Learner Support Fund**

## **Financial Support to Help with Childcare**

The Care to Learn scheme can help with childcare costs while you study. For more information visit: [cwc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/childcare](http://cwc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/childcare)



## **Advanced Learner Loan**

To be eligible for this loan, you need to have been living continuously in the UK for three years immediately before the start date of your course. You must also be undertaking a course of study at Level 3 or above, e.g. A levels, National Diploma/Certificate. For more information, visit: [gov.uk/advancedlearner-loan](http://gov.uk/advancedlearner-loan)



## **Advanced Learner Loan - Additional Support**

If you are approved for the Advanced Learner Loan, you may also be eligible for support with childcare and financial support towards course-associated costs from the Advanced Learner Loan Bursary. You must be in receipt of a minimum of £300 Advanced Learner Loan to receive the Bursary.

## **Higher Education Courses**

If you are a home student, you may be eligible for a student loan covering all or part of your tuition fees. To find out more, and to apply, visit: [gov.uk/student-finance](http://gov.uk/student-finance)







# HOW TO APPLY

We want to ensure you understand the application process and what to expect once you've applied for a course. Comprising a few simple steps outlined below, you'll find applying to study with us couldn't be easier.

## Just follow these steps...

### Choose your course

Have a look through this Course Guide or go to [www.cnwl.ac.uk](http://www.cnwl.ac.uk) to view all courses we have on offer.

Tip: Check the entry requirements so you know what you'll need to get onto the course of your choice.

### Come in and see us!

If you need help deciding, come along to one of our open events and see for yourself why we're the right choice for you. (See inside front cover.)

### Apply on Time!

The sooner you apply, the more chances you have of securing a place on your first-choice course. When you're ready, find your course at [www.cnwl.ac.uk/courses](http://www.cnwl.ac.uk/courses), click 'Apply' and complete your application.

### Confirmation

Once you've submitted your application, we'll send you an email to confirm we've received it.

### Attend an Interview

Once we've received your application, and if you're suitable for the course, you'll be invited for an interview or be made an offer, depending on the entry criteria for the course you have applied for.

### Enrol

You'll be invited to enrol at the College of North West London, after which, you'll become an official student at the College.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our application process, please call our Admissions Team, on: 020 8208 5000 or email [enquiries@cnwl.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@cnwl.ac.uk)





# APPRENTICESHIPS

**As an apprentice at the College of North West London, you'll get the benefits of studying with a well-established London college whilst working with an employer in an industry of your choice.**

An apprenticeship is a great alternative to full-time study. Combining practical training in a real job with study towards a nationally recognised qualification, harness the benefits of earning while you learn from day one.

## Why choose an apprenticeship?

- Earn while you learn
- Gain nationally recognised qualifications
- Learn job-specific skills
- Benefit from progression opportunities
- Increase your future earning potential
- Learn at a pace suited to you
- Get support from a workplace mentor

## Am I eligible?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone aged 16 or above, living in the UK and not in full-time education. If you're not a UK citizen, as long as you have the right to work in the UK and the apprenticeship works within condition of your visa, you can pursue an apprenticeship.

## There are four main Apprenticeship levels:

- Intermediate level apprenticeships - Level 2 (equivalent to GCSEs)
- Advanced level apprenticeships – Level 3 (equivalent to A levels)
- Higher apprenticeships – Levels 4, 5 (equivalent to foundation degree and above)
- Degree apprenticeships – Levels 6, 7 (equivalent to a bachelor's or master's degree)

## What qualifications do I need?

Level 2 (Intermediate): you must be 16 years old or over. Employers may ask for a demonstrable interest in the area covered by the apprenticeship, as well as the ability to complete it.

Level 3 (Advanced): employers will typically seek GCSEs, usually three or more, particularly in English and maths. Relevant experience will also be useful.

Level 4 (Higher): employers will look for GCSEs and level 3 qualifications, such as A levels, or their equivalents, such as a BTEC.

It's at this point where experience in a relevant subject is also desired. All apprenticeship candidates will be required to undertake maths and English assessments as part of the onboarding process and admission onto the course is subject to meeting the entry criteria.

## What's next?

If you're interested in an apprenticeship, you'll need to find a suitable job and an employer willing to support you through it.

For vacancies, visit [findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk) and register your details. You can also contact your local council.

## How long does an apprenticeship last?

Apprenticeships vary in length depending on the qualification, level, sector and your previous experience. They can be between one and four years in duration.

**We offer apprenticeships at intermediate, advanced and higher levels, in various subjects:**

- Level 2 Accounts or Finance Assistant (Paddington)\*
- Level 2 Bricklayer (Willesden)
- Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery (Willesden)
- Level 2 Painter and Decorator (Willesden)
- Level 2 Interior Systems Installer (Drylining) (Willesden)
- Level 2 Plasterer (Willesden)
- Level 2 General Welder (Arc Processes) (Willesden)
- Level 3 Assistant Accountant (Paddington)\*
- Level 3 Business Administrator (Paddington)\*
- Level 3 Civil Engineering Technician (Paddington)\*
- Level 3 Railway Engineering Design Technician (Paddington)\*
- Level 3 Building Services Design Technician (Paddington)\*
- Level 3 Advanced Carpentry & Joinery (Willesden)
- Level 3 Gas Engineering Operative (Willesden)
- Level 3 Refrigeration Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Engineering Technician (Willesden)
- Level 3 Installation Electrician / Maintenance Electrician (Willesden)
- Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician (Willesden)
- Level 4 Construction Site Supervisor (Paddington)\*
- Level 4 Building Services Engineering Technician (Paddington)\*

To find out more about becoming an apprentice, contact the Apprenticeships team:

Email: [apprenticeships@cnwl.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@cnwl.ac.uk)

Phone: 020 8208 5281 (College of North West London)

Phone: 0207 258 5658 (City of Westminster College)

\*The Paddington campus is part of our sister college, City of Westminster College

*(Courses are subject to change from the time of going to press to commencement of the academic year)*



# TIME FOR T-LEVELS

## THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



T Levels are a two-year qualification designed to give you a head start towards the career you want. New courses, which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help students into skilled employment, University or apprenticeships.

T Level students spend 80% of the course in their learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where they put these skills into action.

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

### College of North West London offer T Levels in:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction

### From September 2025 this will be expanded to include:

- Onsite Construction
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Education and Childcare



If you want to learn more about studying T Levels, register your interest by scanning the QR code or visit <https://cnwl.ac.uk/t-levels>

### City of Westminster College offer T Levels in:

- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Science

### From September 2025 this will be expanded to include:

- Management and Administration
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health
- Accounting



# ROUTES TO A FUTURE CAREER

University

Level 3 Vocational or Professional Course or Apprenticeships

Degree Apprenticeship

Higher Apprenticeship

GCSEs or BTEC Awards/Certificates/Diplomas Level 1/2

OR

Level 3 Vocational or Professional Course or Apprenticeships

GCSEs or BTEC Awards/Certificates/Diplomas Level 1/2





# SCIENCE



**Nusret Saleem**  
Assistant Principal,  
Science

Welcome to Science. We offer a full range of science courses from Level 1 to Level 3 for 16-18-year-old learners. Coupled with great teaching and fully equipped laboratories, our courses are designed to help you develop the skills for the next steps in your science career.

**email:** [nusret@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:nusret@ucg.ac.uk)

## Subjects covered include:

- Science



## SCIENCE



### COURSE TITLE\*

Intro Diploma in  
Applied Science Level 1

First Extended Certificate in  
Applied Science Level 2 (Medical)

Extended Diploma In Applied  
Science Level 3 (Medical)

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of your course you can enter full-time employment or (after completing the level 3) progress into university to pursue a degree in the sciences. Career opportunities include industries such as food technology, pharmaceuticals, medical research, petrochemicals, health, environmental protection and plant science.



## SCIENCE

**A career in science is one of the most fascinating, interesting and rewarding out there. Contributing to society, finding cures to diseases, developing new technology to improve lives, making new discoveries - the sky truly is the limit.**

Our science courses ensure you gain the theory, skills and practical techniques for a successful career in science. The curriculum includes physics, chemistry, biology and maths, giving you the chance to progress into a wide range of science degrees and careers.

#### Earning potential

The average salary for a Biomedical Scientist is £46,800 per year ([www.reed.co.uk](http://www.reed.co.uk)).

#### Do you know...

With technology continually changing, demand remains high for talented scientists.







# ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



**Lee Boresta**

Assistant Principal,  
Engineering, Construction  
& the Built Environment

Welcome to Engineering, Construction and the Built Environment. We offer a range of employment-focused courses from Level 1 through to Level 4. Our courses are taught by industry-experienced staff in state-of-the-art facilities so you'll be ready to start your trade once you've completed your qualification.

email: [lee@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:lee@ucg.ac.uk)

**Subjects covered include:**

- Green Skills
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Construction, Engineering and Building Services
- Electrical Installation
- Painting and Decorating
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Welding and Fabrication





# GREEN SKILLS

**We've partnered with Brent Council to build the bespoke Green Skills Centre of Excellence.**

We have developed courses that focus on exploring a net zero target, improving the energy efficiency and carbon footprint of existing homes through measures such as the installation of clean or cleaner technologies, whilst exploring avenues to deliver courses that achieve passive homes and Modern Methods of Construction.

These adult part-time short courses we offer here at Willesden, Kings Cross and our sister college, City of

Westminster College, ensure current and future industry professionals gain up-to-date skills and qualifications wanted by employers. Across both sites we have a range of courses specialising in emerging green technologies including Solar Photovoltaic, Air Source Heat Pumps, EV Charging Points and 18th Edition.

## **Green Skills Training**

Here's a list of courses available at our Green Skills Centre, Willesden. More will be added soon.

- Energy Carbon - Infrared Heating Installation and Maintenance
- Level 3 Award in the Design and Installation of Domestic and Small Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Installations
- Level 3 Award in the Requirements for Electrical Installations [18th Edition]
- Level 3 Award in the Fundamental Principles and Requirements of Environmental Technology Systems

## **Online and face to face Introductory courses**

Please see our list of e-learning courses that will be on offer from September 24. If you are interested, please register your interest below for more information.

- Understanding Environmental Sustainability
- Introduction to Understanding Heat Pumps
- Introduction to Understanding Solar PV Installations
- Introduction to understanding Solar

## **Thermal Technology**

- Understanding Decarbonisation
- Introduction to Understanding Electric Vehicle (EV) Charge Points
- Introduction to Green skills, Careers and Green jobs

Each of these courses are 100% online with built in assessment.

## **Find out more**

Visit our website to find out more information about any of the courses listed here, as well as fees, dates, content, prerequisite qualifications.





**COURSE TITLE\***

Diploma In Bricklaying Level 1  
Diploma In Bricklaying Level 2

**TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Upon successful completion of level 2, you can enter employment within bricklaying or progress onto a relevant level 3 course or an apprenticeship to enhance your training at a higher level.



# BRICKLAYING

**Bricklayers play an essential role in the construction industry, a sector that accounts for over 2 million jobs. With current skills shortages and demand rising for skilled bricklayers, now is the time to join this interesting trade.**

A bricklayer is a craftsperson who works with clay bricks, concrete blocks, and other types of building materials to construct and repair brickwork.

Students on our courses progress from learning basic techniques through to advanced work such as building arches. Alongside theory, students benefit from extensive time working on practical exercises in our purpose-built construction hall.

**Did you know?**

You will learn your trade in excellent practical facilities, enabling you to build brickwork alongside other construction skills.

**Earning Potential**

Entry-level salaries start at £35,000 and upwards with average salaries for highly skilled bricklayers at £50,000 depending on qualifications and location.



# CARPENTRY

**Carpentry and Joinery are both construction trades. Joiners 'join' wood in a workshop, whereas Carpenters construct the building elements on site. Carpenters will install the products made by Joiners, and construct features like the roof trusses, joisted floors and stud- work for partitioning the building.**

Our courses will allow you to develop the skills and knowledge required to succeed in this trade. You'll learn in facilities that mirror the real world- of-work and be taught by tutors who come from industry.

We place great importance on practical skills and completing jobs to professional standards; this is reflected by our students having a great record of success in regional and national skills competitions.

**Did you know?**

Carpentry is one of the most versatile and vital trades in the construction industry, with huge demand across the UK for qualified carpenters.

**Earning potential**

Entry-level salaries starting at £35,000 and upwards with average salaries for highly skilled at £50,000 depending on qualifications and location. (nationalcareersservice. direct.gov.uk)



**COURSE TITLE\***

Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery  
Level 1 Construction  
Diploma in Site Carpentry Level 2

**TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Upon successful completion, you can progress to Site Carpentry at Levels 2 and 3. Depending on what interests you, you could work in residential carpentry, building and remodelling domestic homes, in commercial carpentry working on office buildings or in industrial carpentry, making wood frames and scaffolding for pouring concrete forms or erecting wood braces in tunnels, mines, power plants and so on. You could also opt to become self-employed.





### COURSE TITLE\*

Construction Skills Level 1  
Diploma in Engineering  
Technology (QCF) Level 1  
Diploma in Engineering  
Technology (QCF) Level 2  
Diploma in Engineering  
VRQ Level 3  
National Extended Certificate  
in Construction and The Built  
Environment  
T Levels Building Services  
Engineering for Construction

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Successful completion of these course will provide you with an excellent basis for entry into a variety of fields within the construction industry including architecture, building management, building surveying, quantity surveying, land surveying, civil and structural engineering, building control.



# CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND BUILDING SERVICES

The Built Environment sector is about the design, construction and management of our human-made surroundings. Projects can range from building a single home to multimillion pound large-scale projects such as building a new infrastructure or eco-town.

To help you straight into employment. We work with local employers to ensure that what you learn meets the current demands of the industry. Our highly trained and experienced tutors will teach you the skills needed to work in a range of technical, professional and managerial roles in the industry, including design, subverting, tendering and measuring.

#### Did you know?

The construction industry is worth in excess of £110

billion to the UK economy, making up 7% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), providing an economic snapshot into the value of the industry.

#### Earning potential

The construction industry offers a wide and varied range of careers across all salary bands. Entry-level jobs start at £20,000, with higher paying jobs at £70,000 depending on level, experience and type of role.



# ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

If you're looking to take your DIY skills beyond the living room or enjoy hands-on work, becoming an Electrician could be the perfect career move for you.

Whether you're a novice or an experienced electrician, we run a range of hands-on, practical courses designed to prepare students for careers in the electrical installation industry. We also offer courses for those wanting to upskill or update their professional qualifications.

Our courses allow you to start at Level 1 to learn some basic home maintenance. Level 2 is a direct progression from Level

1 or suitable if you're already working in the trade to gain in-depth knowledge of Electrical Installation. Level 3 completes the intensive theory aspect of your training, looking in detail at electrical principles and testing and completing your own work.

#### Earning potential

Entry-level salary starting from £35,000, rising to £50,000 + for certified Electricians. ([www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com))



### COURSE TITLE\*

Diploma in Electrical Installations  
Level 1  
Diploma in Electrical Installations  
(Buildings and Structures) Level 2  
Diploma in Electrical Installations  
(Buildings and Structures) (QCF):  
Level 3  
T Level in Building Services  
Engineering (Electrotechnical  
Engineering)

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

As a qualified electrician, you can choose from a range of specific occupations, from working on major construction projects to domestic work in people's home. You can also opt to become self-employed.





**COURSE TITLE \***

**Diploma In Painting and  
Decorating Level 1**

**Diploma In Painting and  
Decorating Level 2**

**Diploma In Painting and  
Decorating Level 3**

**TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

On completion of Level 2, you can go directly into industry or progress onto Painting & Decorating Level 3.



# PAINTING AND DECORATING

**If you like working with your hands, a career in painting and decorating could be for you. A diverse and rewarding trade currently in high demand, the job varies from applying paint, wallpaper and finishes to internal and external surfaces, to working in the public and/or commercial sectors.**

Our Painting and Decorating courses are designed to prepare you for a career in these trades. You'll gain in- depth knowledge and skills in painting and decorating, ranging from how to apply paint systems by brush/roller to learning how to hang preparatory papers and apply basic decorative techniques. You'll also learn about how to carry out safe working practices, communication skills, building methods and construction technology.

**Did you know?**

We've hosted high-profile events such as the southern regional heats for the Johnstone's Young Painter of the Year Award.

**Earning potential**

Entry-level salaries start at £30,000 upwards with average salaries for highly skilled at £40,000 depending on qualifications and location ([nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk))



# PLASTERING

**The College of North West London is recognised as one of the region's best for training in plastering. Our students have won many awards from the trade body, the Worshipful Company of Plasterers, as well as regularly reaching the national finals of World Skills UK, competing alongside top plastering students and apprentices from across the country.**

A plastering career involves applying different kinds of plaster to give a finish to internal walls, floors, and ceilings. Plasterers also apply coatings to outside walls using sand and cement, pebbledash and stone-effect materials.

Our students develop specialist skills as they develop. At advanced levels, we teach 'fibrous plastering' - a highly skilled technique used in creation of ornamentation and restoration of historic buildings.

**Did you know?**

There are approximately 40,000 Plasterers working in the UK, which is growing due to Government housing development schemes.

**Earning potential**

Entry-level salaries start at £28,000 upwards with average salaries for highly skilled at £31,000 depending on qualification



**COURSE TITLE \***

**Diploma In Plastering Level 1**

**Diploma In Plastering Level 2**

**Diploma In Plastering Level 3**

**TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Upon successful completion of Level 2, you can enter employment within the plastering trade or a building services company. Or you can progress onto Plastering Level 3.





### COURSE TITLE\*

Diploma In Plumbing Studies  
Level 1

Diploma In Plumbing Studies  
Level 2

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of your course, you can begin working in the plumbing industry in local and national companies, become self-employed, or progress into an apprenticeship.



## PLUMBING

**Plumbing is a trade that can be used anywhere in the world and with high demand across the UK, there's never been a better time to join it. From self-employed to working in industry, the opportunities are vast and varied and fast-becoming a popular career path for many.**

Our courses will help beginners prepare for a career in the Plumbing trade or help experienced plumbers improve their skills. You'll start at Level 1 (unless you have training or industrial experience to support entering at a higher level), which will provide you with the basic knowledge to progress to Level 2. Upon completion of Level 2, you can enter the trade or continue onto a Level 3 to enhance your training.

#### Do you know?

You'll learn in our purpose-built workshops which mirror the world-of-work and be taught by tutors who have extensive experience working in this industry.

#### Earning potential

Entry-level salaries starting at £15,000 and upwards with average salaries of £30,000 depending on qualifications and location. ([www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com))



## REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

**Refrigeration and air conditioning have many uses in the world today. Our food is chilled, frozen and stored using refrigerant gas, and our shops, hospitals, and offices are cooled with air conditioning. Roles in this industry are varied, often involving travel to different sites and learning a range of practical skills.**

As a refrigeration engineer, you'll be installing, servicing and maintaining refrigeration systems in places like supermarkets, hospitals, food processing plants and research establishments.

As an air conditioning engineer, you'll install, service and maintain the systems that control and maintain the air quality, temperature, and humidity inside offices, schools, leisure complexes and modern buildings.

As one of London's few training centres for refrigeration and air conditioning, we attract students from all over the region with varying levels of experience and knowledge- from entry-level to professionals already working in this sector.

You'll be taught by staff who are all industry qualified and use their experience to give you the best support and start your future. You'll learn in excellent workshop environments allowing you to experience your chosen trade as you would in industry. We also have regular input from sector specialists to ensure you're always learning what is relevant to the trade.

#### Do you know...

The College of North West London is one of very few training centres in London to have the equipment and facilities to train staff in refrigeration and air conditioning.



### COURSE TITLE\*

Diploma in Engineering Technology  
(QCF) Level 1

Diploma in Refrigeration and Air  
conditioning level 2

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of level 2, you can enter employment as a refrigeration and air conditioning engineer.





## COURSE TITLE\*

Welding & Fabrication -  
Various levels

## TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of each level, you can progress onto the next. Job opportunities include fitter welder, pipe fitter, maintenance welding operative, sheet metal worker, plater fabricator and welder.



# WELDING AND FABRICATION

**Our welding courses are designed for a range of abilities: from beginners who need basic welding training, to experienced welders who want to develop specialist skills**

Our level 1 welding courses are ideal for anyone who wants to become a welder and is new to the trade.

Level 2 courses are aimed at anyone already working in the industry looking to enhance their welding skills and further their career.

Our more advanced level 3 courses are for experienced welders who need a qualification to progress to complex welding work and quality control. We offer the following types of welding programmes:

1. Levels 2 and 3 in Fabrication and Welding – full time
2. City & Guilds short courses – part time
  - a) Level 1 three process
  - b) Level 2 four process
  - c) Level 3 four process with a choice of sheet, plate or pipe

### 3. Advance Welding codes (One-off test)

Students will select the most appropriate pathway and level for their requirements, assessed on their experience and ability by their tutor at the start of the course.

### Did you know?

You could enter careers in various industries including construction and engineering, transport, aerospace and offshore oil and gas.

### Earning Potential

The average welder fabricator salary in the United Kingdom is £34,375 per year or £18.50 per hour. Entry level positions start at £31,938 per year while most experienced workers make up to £50,600 per year.



\*Please note that all available courses are subject to change.





# CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND DIGITAL



**Bilal Bobat**

Assistant Principal,  
Creative Industries and Digital

We're proud of our offering in the creative and digital industries. You'll have the opportunity to be taught by industry experts, and learn in state-of-the-art facilities with exposure to the latest developments in the sector. We ensure learning is not limited to the classroom, our student experience is rich and industry led with exciting projects throughout the year.

**email: [bilal@ucg.ac.uk](mailto:bilal@ucg.ac.uk)**

**Subjects covered include:**

- **Computing and ICT**





### COURSE TITLE\*

Certificate For IT Users  
(ITQ) (QCF) Level 1

Diploma for IT Users (ITQ) Level 1

BTEC First Extended Certificate  
in Information and Creative  
Technology Level 2

Extended Diploma in Computing  
Level 3

### TO THE NEXT LEVEL

On successful completion of your qualification, you can progress onto the next level, or after completing Level 3, you could start a degree, an apprenticeship, or enter employment. Job opportunities in this sector include games designer, computer technician, data consultant, digital marketing officer, IT analyst, mobile app developer, network engineer, software developer, solutions engineer, systems analyst, technical Support Officer, Web Designer, Web Developer and more.



**Computing and ICT is required in all businesses in today's world. Whether it's the ability to communicate and run administration using software, the advanced technical knowledge to design new programs, or the knowledge of how to build secure networks, ICT skills are in huge demand and the sector provides millions of job opportunities.**

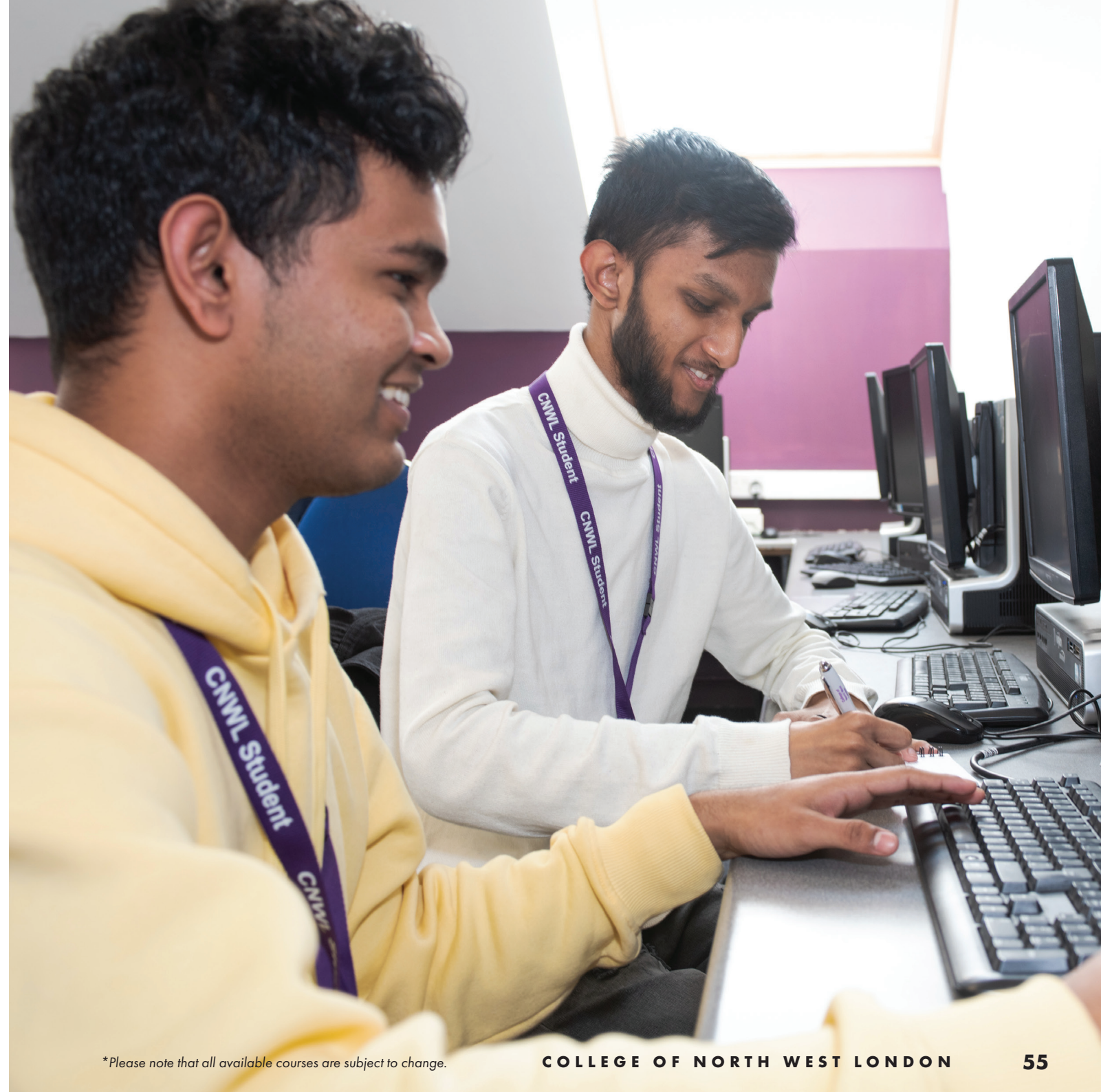
We provide training in both hardware and software, covering ICT systems and support, and specialist use of ICT applications. Through a mix of theoretical and practical learning, our computing courses will help you develop a solid general knowledge base across a range of Computing topics preparing you for your next steps. Employability and enterprise skills are embedded into our courses and we work with employers to ensure that our vocational provision meets the needs of both employers and students.

#### Do you know...

According to Tech Nation's UK tech in 2020 review, just under three million people were employed in the UK's digital tech economy – one of the largest in the UK.

#### Earning Potential

An IT Technician can expect an average starting salary of £16,800. The highest salaries can exceed £48,000 with the potential to earn more at director level. ([uk.jobted.com/salary](http://uk.jobted.com/salary) and [www.findcourses.co.uk/](http://www.findcourses.co.uk/))







# LIFELONG LEARNING



**Phyllis Scoon**  
Assistant Principal,  
Lifelong Learning

ESOL courses are designed for non-native speakers of English who wish to improve their language skills and use of English in daily life.

Our ESOL qualifications give students better chances in work, and help them to progress to other Further or Higher Education courses.

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## Subjects covered include:

- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**





## COURSE TITLE\*

ESOL (16-18) Study Programme –  
various levels

ESOL (16-18) Re-engagement

## TO THE NEXT LEVEL

There are many opportunities for you once you have successfully completed each level of your ESOL course. Our experienced teachers support you to make the right decision at the end of each term/year. You may want to progress to the next level of ESOL, use your skills to look for Employment or move to a vocational college course. As you develop your skills further there are more opportunities for you to take advantage of.



# ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

**ESOL courses will help you improve your English language to find a job, study another college course or go to university. You will develop communication skills, enabling you to get involved with your local community and access services independently. Our teachers are highly qualified, experienced and always ready to help you**

We have very high success rates on ESOL courses. Previous students have progressed to higher ESOL courses, to other areas of study offered at the College or to university. Some have found new jobs or started their own businesses. There are so many positive opportunities for you here.

Full-time Study Programmes for young learners (16-18) include:

- English Language
- Functional Skills or GCSE Maths
- ICT
- Drama and Creative Skills

- Opportunities to develop skills through Work Experience, our Mentoring programme and tasters in other vocational areas.
- Educational and Cultural Visits

Do you know...

Brent is one of London's most diverse boroughs with around 100 different languages represented, the College proudly reflects that diversity. Our ESOL students comment this is a benefit, considering it a great strength and opportunity working together sharing different backgrounds and experiences.



\*Please note that all available courses are subject to change





# HEALTH, WELLBEING AND CARE



**John-Patrick Casey**  
Assistant Principal,  
Health, Wellbeing and Care

Welcome to Health, Wellbeing and Care. If your ambition is to be a nurse, social worker, beautician, midwife or an early years practitioner to name a few, our courses in Health, wellbeing and care are for you. You'll learn in fantastic industry-standard facilities, and be taught by passionate and supportive teaching staff, all focused on helping you progress into the career you choose.

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## Subjects covered include:

- Early Years
- Health and Social Care
- Hair and Beauty





COURSE TITLE \*

L1 Award in preparing to work in schools

Diploma in Early Years Practitioner (NCFE CACHE) Level 2

Diploma in Introduction to Health, Social Care & CYP (NCFE CACHE) LEVEL 1

NCFE/CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE)

T Levels Education & Childcare

TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of your course, you could enter employment, or progress onto a foundation degree in early years studies or supporting teaching and learning in schools. Careers in this industry can include: early years practitioner, early years teacher (after university-level study), primary school teacher (after university-level study), teaching assistant, breakfast/ after school club leader, nanny, childminder, children's representative at holiday resorts and much more.



# EARLY YEARS

**Do you enjoy working with children? Being a childcare worker could be perfect for you. A career in childcare is incredibly rewarding, and essential to society. From daycare workers, after school care providers to early childhood educators, you will look after the development and wellbeing of the young, whilst enabling parents to return to work.**

To work in this expanding field, you will need to gain a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge to understand how children develop and grow.

Our courses provide you with the essentials of caring for young children as well as how to organise play and learning activities. They combine hands-on activities and encourage you to think about how to put your own learning into practice and work as a team.

**Do you know...**

Our students benefit from practical training and a wide network of work placements in nurseries, schools and other children's centres.

**Earning Potential**

Once your qualification, you can expect a starting salary of £23,727. ([uk.jobted.com/salary](http://uk.jobted.com/salary))



# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**Careers in the Health and Social Care sector are varied, challenging and satisfying, giving you the chance to make a real difference to people's lives. Whether you want to be involved in treating patients directly, researching and developing new medical advancements, or working in vital administrative roles, the health and social care industry offers diverse areas in which you could find your calling.**

The healthcare sector is a major employer in London. Clinical and nursing staff are in great demand from NHS hospitals as well as GPs clinics, care homes, dentists' surgeries, home care providers, councils and private clinics.

Whether you're just starting out in the care sector or aiming to improve your existing skills, we have a range of courses that will help you progress. Our students also benefit from a wide network of work

placements in hospitals, nurseries, day care centres and other care settings.

**Do you know...**

The NHS is one of the top five largest workforces in the world, employing more than 1.5 million people!

**Earning Potential**

The average salary for a social worker in the UK is £23,691 annually, the range is £18,135 to £52,024 ([reed.co.uk](http://reed.co.uk))



COURSE TITLE \*

Diploma in Introduction to Health, Social Care & CYP (NCFE) LEVEL 1

First Diploma in Health and Social Care Level 2

Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care Level 3

TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Many of our students' progress onto university to study a variety of degrees including nursing, environmental health, social policy, criminology, welfare studies and nutrition. Careers in this sector include: carer, dental hygienist, family support Worker, health care assistant, midwife, nurse, occupational therapist, radiologist, social worker, speech therapist, youth worker and more.





COURSE TITLE\*

VTCT Certificate in an Introduction  
to the Hair and Beauty Level 1

VTCT Certificate in Beauty  
Therapy Level 2

VTCT Certificate in Women's  
Hairdressing Level 2

VTCT Diploma in Women's  
Hairdressing Level 2

VTCT Diploma in Beauty Therapy  
Level 3

VTCT Diploma in Women's  
Hairdressing Level 3

TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Upon successful completion of your course,  
you will have the opportunity to progress to  
the next level or enter into a variety of jobs  
including junior hair stylist, hair technician,  
make-up artist, hairdresser and even starting  
your own business.



HAIR AND BEAUTY

Fashion may change but hairdressing and beauty is always the leader. As an industry generating more than £7 billion a year a career in hairdressing and beauty has lots of opportunities. Working within this industry doesn't have to be in a traditional salon you could be working in hotels, spas, health clubs, prisons hospitals, even on cruise ships, film sets, the armed forces' bases, or be self-employed.

We have industry-standard, commercial hair and beauty salons on campus, where you will gain all the professional skills, knowledge and competencies you will need for a successful career. You have real clients from the general public to work on and plenty of opportunities to hear direct from those working in the industry right now. You will also be able to undertake work experience at leading high street salons who we work closely with. Represent the college in local commercial activities and take part in national competitions. Through your course you will learn about the hair and skin, including body care; hair colouring,

cutting, styling, relaxing, face and body treatments, manicures, pedicures, make-up, facials, aromatherapy, specialist electrical face and body treatments and provide clients with these various treatments.

Do you know...

We have professional salons with clients to provide you with a realistic working environment

Earning potential

Ranging from £17,000 at entry level up to £25,000 with the potential to earn more (www.payscale.com)



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# SUPPORTED LEARNING



## Nicola McLean

Assistant Principal, Curriculum Delivery and Enhancement-SEND

Supporting Learning offers students with learning difficulties and disabilities structured programmes of learning to develop independent living and employability skills and prepare for adulthood.

There are three strands of learning:

**Profound and complex needs:**

Learning for Living (complex needs)

**Independent Living:**

Learning for Living

Preparing for Adulthood

**Employability:**

Learning for Work

Skills for work

Pre-Internship

Our students learn a range of important skills such as cooking, travel training, social and communication skills as well as potential progression into Supported Internships and experiences working in the NHS, Local Authorities and small and large private businesses, such as London Zoo and Goldman Sachs, which can lead to paid employment or a supported apprenticeship.

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# SUPPORTED LEARNING

**Our Supported Learning team offers educational progression routes for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. Courses are personalised to meet the individual needs of each student including adapting resources and timetables, supporting independent travel and living skills.**

We are based in purpose-built facilities and our programmes are specially planned to enable students to learn through practical daily living activities in the college and local community.

#### **Facilities include:**

- Specially adapted and fully fitted kitchen and utility room
- Sensory Garden and Polytunnel (Willesden)
- A daily living environment
- IT classrooms and art and craft rooms
- Accessible toilets and hygiene facilities

#### **Courses and progression routes - Profound and Complex Needs:**

This is a practical-based course designed

for students with severe learning difficulties. Students work to develop their independence and communication skills via various educational and teaching tools.

#### **Progression**

Students are expected to progress onto the course 'From Living to Learning', or Adult Social Care funded day provision or adult education courses.

#### **Independent Living**

The purpose of this course is to build on existing knowledge and develop skills towards independent living and work. Each aspect of the course is tailored to the individual.

#### **Progression**

Students can progress onto our 'Preparation for Work' course or into sheltered

supported or open employment. Some students may progress to a 'mainstream' college course at Entry Level 3.

#### **Preparation for Work**

This course is for people with learning difficulties who wish to access mainstream college or job opportunities. Students will need to be working at around Entry Level 2 in literacy and numeracy and will be expected to be independent travellers or able to work towards this. Students must also show a willingness to taste a variety of employment and vocational experiences.

#### **Progression**

Students will be looking to progress onto a Pre or Supported internship, paid

employment or a college course at a higher level.

#### **Pre-Internship**

Is a one-year college-based course, which will prepare students for Supported Internship or other workplace opportunities.

#### **Supported Internship**

Is for young people between the ages of 16-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. It is intended to enable young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to achieve sustainable paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need through learning in the workplace. Students are supported by a job coach and tutors throughout the year.

#### **We currently offer 4 Supported Internship opportunities:**

Charing Cross Hospital  
(NHS, Public Sector)  
Wembley Park  
(Local Authority, Public Sector)  
Westminster City Council  
(Local Authority, Public Sector)  
Goldman Sachs  
(Global Financial Institution, Private Firm)



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## RADIANCE

### HAIR AND BEAUTY SALONS

College of North West London's hair and beauty training salons. Based at our Wembley Park Campus.

Our hair and beauty salon is open to the public at a discounted price. Students are supervised and learn their trade on real customers.

Treat yourself and book an appointment now.

To view our full range of treatments, visit:  
[cnwl.ac.uk/contact/hair-and-beauty-salons](https://cnwl.ac.uk/contact/hair-and-beauty-salons)



Appointments are open to the public, students and staff. **Call 020 8208 5454**





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