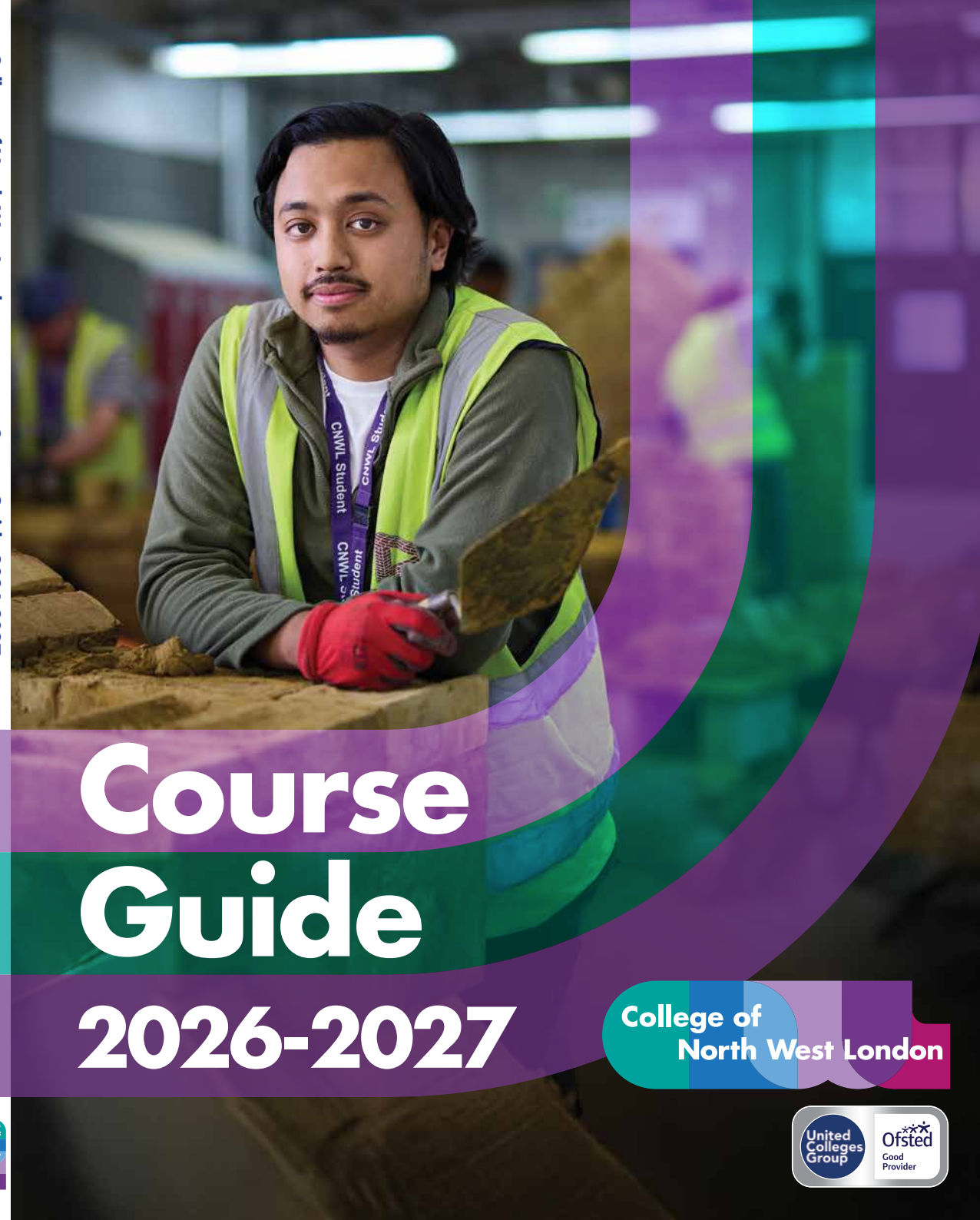




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CEO & Group Principal's Message

Congratulations on taking the first step towards achieving your ambition. We are very pleased that you are taking the time to consider how the College of North West London can help you take the next step on your educational journey or the next step in your career.

We are excited by the idea that you are considering joining us as a new student or coming back to us as a returning student. Why are we excited? Well, we believe we are a college that puts our students first in everything we do where we embrace diversity by ensuring that, when you join us, you are included, and you feel that you belong. We also understand that life can be challenging, and we are both a compassionate and empathetic college that understands that our students and indeed our staff don't come to college and leave their lives behind them. Life can be tough and we know that. However, we also believe that when you join our college community you do so with a commitment to learn and grow.

At the College of North West London we endeavour to make sure that everyone at our college recognises this fact and that everyone, both students and staff, are respected and trusted by both peers and colleagues. This respect and trust mean that everyone will always do their very best to make sure that your experience with us is the very best it can be. We are always looking to get better and your voice will be heard when helping us as a college get even better. But our college is so much more than just classes and exams. We are a community college that believes in helping our

students become well rounded effective contributors to society as responsible citizens. This is anchored in your success on your chosen course and that will only make you more confident as you take those next steps.

While you study, we also will offer you the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities ranging from sporting activities to speaking clubs for those learners where English is not your first language, for example. We also offer a wide range of clubs and societies and have an extremely active student union that is a crucial part of the life and work of our college. All these activities will complement your studies as you look to apply to university, look for an apprenticeship opportunity or simply move into the world of work and are supported with state of the art facilities and equipment.

I hope that you find this year's course guide helpful but if you need more information simply email, pick up the phone, attend one of our open days or simply walk into our campuses and I am sure you will see that we are a college that is here to help. And I know that if you make the decision to join us that you are ready to learn and grow.

I look forward to meeting you next year.



Stephen Davis

Chief Executive Officer and Group Principal



Our Campuses

We have campuses based in Willesden and Euston boasting their own unique character, diverse student population and professional facilities.

Willesden

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.

- Engineering, Construction & the Built Environment
- English & Maths
- IT
- Lifelong Learning
- Science
- Supported Learning

Courses available at this campus include:

- Early Years
- ESOL

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



Euston Skills Centre

An innovative new learning hub offering courses in Construction, our Euston Skills Centre is in partnership with Camden Council and is situated north of Euston Station.

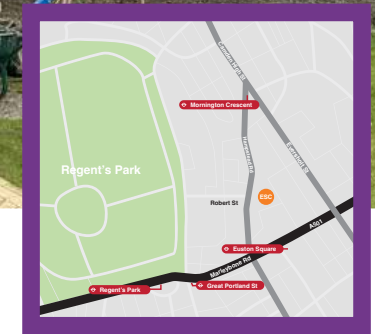
The centre is a really practical space – with classrooms, CSCS test

centre, a dedicated workshop space including specialist machinery rooms and an outside training area where students learn practical skills as part of their qualifications.

Air Source Heat Pumps, Solar Thermal and PV and Electric Vehicle charging

equipment are used to support the delivery of a curriculum offering a range of accredited and non-accredited training for students, apprentices and the development of existing staff.

The campus is a five minute walk from Euston Station.





Fantastic Facilities

We've created an environment that sets the stage for an unforgettable student experience. Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:



- **Fully Equipped Science Labs:** Explore the wonders of science in our state-of-the-art laboratories.

- **Sports Facilities:** Feel the adrenaline rush at our outdoor gym located at the Willesden campus. Plus, enjoy exclusive discounts at local gyms.

- **Industry-Standard Construction and Engineering Workshops:** Get hands-on experience in cutting-edge facilities.

- **On-Site Canteen:** Satisfy your cravings with a delectable array of hot and cold food options.

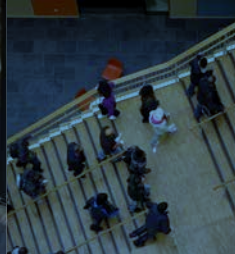
- **Learning Resource Centres (LRC):** The LRC is a haven for focused study and collaborative learning. With laptops, computers, printing services, a wealth of study materials, and friendly staff ready to assist, you'll have all the tools you need for success.

- **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.

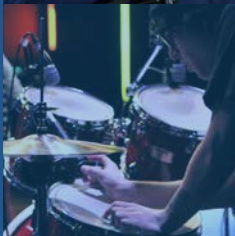




"Leaders have developed an extensive curriculum offer which aligns exceptionally well with skills priorities in London."



"Well-planned enrichment activities provide learners with valuable opportunities to develop their confidence, make friends and extend their talents."



"Learners who have high needs learn in inclusive and supportive environments, preparing them for their next steps in the community, world of work or further study."

A WORLD OF GOOD

United Colleges Group (UCG) is delighted to have been awarded an overall 'Good' effectiveness grade by Ofsted following its recent inspection in December 2024.

Inspectors praised the college's 'extensive curriculum offer which aligns exceptionally well with skills priorities in London', with the college receiving 'Good' ratings in seven key areas of its provision:

Quality of Education

Personal Development

Leadership and Management

Education Programmes for Young People

Adult Learning Programmes

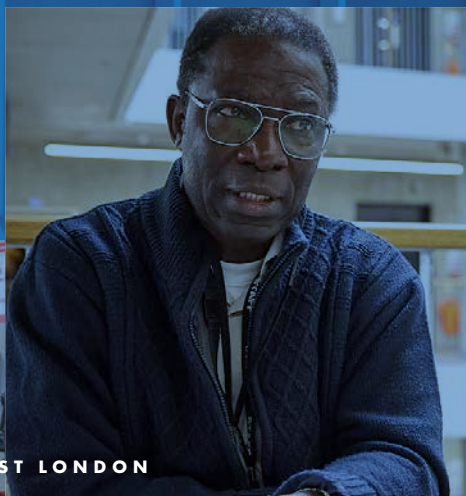
Apprenticeships

Provision for Learners with High Needs.

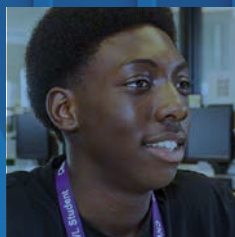
Ofsted noted that 'learners of all ages and apprentices learn in welcoming and supportive environments', and 'staff support and encourage learners and apprentices to overcome any barriers to their success, so they can actively participate in and enjoy their education'.



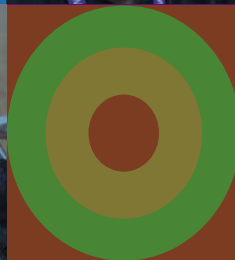
"Staff support and encourage learners and apprentices to overcome any barriers to their success."



"The College makes a strong contribution to meeting skills needs."



"Learners enjoy a varied and challenging curriculum, and benefit from well planned and relevant work experience."





Qualifications Explained

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. Science 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.

Finding the Right Course Level

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.

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 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.



Your Study Programme

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



English, Maths & Skills

If you are a school leaver and aged 16 – 18, you will be taking a Study Programme, which will include your main academic (A-Levels) or vocational (T Level or BTEC) 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.

a personal development tutor to support you through your time and track your progress.

4. The study of English and Maths

Employers will want to know that your level of English and Maths is sufficient, 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).



Student Experience

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

The Enrichment Programme is a range of social activities available to our students once they are enrolled at the College. Activities take place at College premises or external sports and leisure venues. Getting involved in the Enrichment Programme is a great way to make friends. You can join activities organised by the College either free of charge or at a discount depending on your age. Email: 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 learners' 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

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.

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



Student Support

Our Student Support Officers offer practical advice and guidance on:

- Accessing financial support for students: 16-19 Bursary, Care to Learn applications, Discretionary Learner Support Funds, 19+ Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund and the HE Hardship Fund
- Financial support for help with childcare costs
- Referrals to emergency housing advice and information
- Welfare benefits information and support
- Domestic violence and other forms of abuse: emergency advice and referrals to specialist support services
- Emotional support and referrals to longer-term support, including the Mental Health and Wellbeing Team at the College
- Sexual health signposting and the distribution of free condoms, as well as period poverty packs

For enquiries or to connect with a Student Support Officer prior to applying or a course, please email studentadvice@ucg.ac.uk

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 your family, please visit one of our friendly Student Support Officers. We can ensure you are aware of the support available to you and assist you in applying for the Nominated Bursary. We can also make contact with your Social Worker or Personal

Advisor. Collaborating with your professional network will help us support your success in 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 Support Officer.

Young Parent

If you are a young parent, please speak to a Student 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 Support Officer. They can advise you on alternative support to help you on your course. For further information, email 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.

Our highly experienced Mental Health Team can provide both practical and emotional support. We can assist in making reasonable adjustments to meet your individual needs while respecting your confidentiality. Please contact mhwb@ucg.ac.uk to self-refer or visit Mental Health & Wellbeing at UCG (cnwl.ac.uk) to complete an

online form. A Mental Health Officer will reach out to arrange an appointment to assess your needs and 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

Enrichment Programme

The Enrichment Programme offers a range of social activities available to our students once they are enrolled at the College. Activities take place on the College premises or at external sports and leisure venues. Getting involved in the Enrichment Programme is a great way to make friends and develop your confidence. You can join activities organised by the College either free of charge or at a discount, depending on your age. Please email enrichment@ucg.ac.uk, and a member of the Enrichment Team will provide you with more information.

Work Experience

Work experience helps you gain real-world experience, develop transferable skills, and understand your chosen industry. It offers

networking opportunities, potential references, and strengthens UCAS applications and CVs. Students aged 16–18 must complete at least 36 hours; T Level students need 315 hours; ages 19+ may need work experience depending on the course.

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 race, 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 UCG a more inclusive and vibrant place to study.



LGBTQ+ Support

College of North West London actively supports its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender 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

Additional Learning Support

Whether you have a learning difficulty or disability such as dyslexia or Asperger's/Autism, need help with English or Maths, have a physical disability, have an EHCP plan, or require support because English is not your first

language, our specialist Additional Learning Support team can assist you throughout your studies. Please ensure you include any learning needs on your application form so we can guarantee that support is in place when you start your course. For more information about the available support or to arrange a confidential pre-entry interview, please contact the Additional Learning Support Team via email at als@ucg.ac.uk.

Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring all our learners are in a safe and secure environment. 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 don't hesitate to reach out and contact: safeguarding@ucg.ac.uk



Financial Support

Learner Support Fund/ Bursary

Bursary is financial support allocated to the college for students who are from low-income households. The support offered is subject to eligibility but can include travel expenses, college meals, textbooks, tuition fees and more. Courses, levels, age, and travel distances are some factors that may cause entitlement to vary. To apply for Bursary, you will need to complete an online application form. Find out more by emailing bursary@ucg.ac.uk.



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

Advanced Learner Loan - Additional Support

If you are approved for the Advanced Learner Loan, you may also be eligible for 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 or receive the maintenance portion of the Student Finance 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



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.

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. 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.

Adults

If you are aged 19 or over on the 31st August 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.



The Route to Enrolment

Just follow these steps...

Choose your course

Have a look through this Course Guide or go to 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 days 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, 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.



Apprenticeships

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
- Get paid holidays
- 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 and employed. If you're not a UK citizen, but you have the right to work in the UK and the Apprenticeship works within the lines 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 Bachelor's or Master's Degree)

What qualifications do I need?

Level 2 (Intermediate), equivalent to GCSEs, 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), considered equivalent to A-levels, at this level, employers will typically seek GCSEs, usually three or more, particularly in English and Maths. Relevant experience will also be useful.

Level 4 (Higher) considered equivalent to a foundation

degree, 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 [Find an Apprenticeship findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](https://findanapprenticeship.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 from one year to up to four years.

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

- Level 2 Bricklayer (Willesden)*
- Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery (Willesden)*
- Level 2 Interior Systems Installer (Drylining) (Willesden)*
- Level 2 Plasterer (Willesden)*
- Level 2 Welder (Arc Processes) (Willesden)*
- Level 2 Property Maintenance Operative (Willesden)
- Level 3 Construction Support Technician (Paddington)
- Level 3 Business Administrator (Paddington)
- Level 3 Civil Engineering Technician (Paddington)
- Level 3 Building Services Design Technician (Paddington)
- Level 3 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)
- Level 4 Building Services Engineering Senior Technician (Paddington)
- Level 4 Civil Engineering Senior Technician (Paddington)

Email: apprenticeships@cnwl.ac.uk

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

Phone: 020 7258 5658 (City of Westminster College)

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

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



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.

T Levels at College of North West London include:

- Building Services Engineering for Construction

T Levels at City of Westminster College include:

- Accounting
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Education and Childcare
- Health
- Management and Administration
- Science



Our Courses

- Science
- Engineering Construction and the Built Environment
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- Supported Learning



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 (reed.co.uk).

COURSE TITLE *

BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Applied Science

First Extended Certificate in Applied Science Level 2 (Medical)

Extended Diploma In Applied Science Level 3 (Medical)

Next Steps

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.



Green Skills

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 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.

Courses include:

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 Fundamental Principles and Requirements of Environmental Technology Systems

Online and face to face Introductory courses

- 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

Find out more

Visit our website for more information about the courses listed here.





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.

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

Earning Potential

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

COURSE TITLE *

Diploma In Bricklaying Level 1

Diploma In Bricklaying Level 2

Diploma In Bricklaying Level 3

Next Steps

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.



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.

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

Diploma in Site Carpentry Level 3

Next Steps

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.

Scan here for more details:



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.

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.

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

HNC in Construction and The Built Environment (Civil Engineering) Level 4 (RQF)

HNC in Construction and The Built Environment (Construction pathway) Level 4 (RQF)

Multiskills Dry Lining

SHORT COURSES *

Installation Electrical Vehicle charging

Air Source Heat Pumps Installation

Core Gas Safety CCN1 Re Assessment

Next Steps

With a T Level you can progress into university or employment including higher and degree apprenticeships. Potential career pathways include civil engineering, quantity surveying, architecture and a wide range of other construction related technician roles. The Level 2 qualification can lead to T Level progression or a Level 3 apprenticeship.

Electrical Installations

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 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. (payscale.com)

Scan here for more details:



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)

EAL Level 3 Award in the Requirements for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Energy Carbon – Energy Efficient Heating Systems (Installation and Maintenance) 18th Edition (IET Electrical Wiring Regulations)

2391-52: Periodic Inspection and Testing of Electrical Installations

Next Steps

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.



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.

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)

COURSE TITLE *

Diploma In Painting and Decorating Level 1

Diploma In Painting and Decorating Level 2

Next Steps

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

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.

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

Next Steps

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.



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.

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. (payscale.com)

COURSE TITLE *

Diploma in Plumbing Studies Level 1

Diploma in Plumbing Studies Level 2

Next Steps

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.

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.

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

Diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Level 3

Next Steps

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



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.

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.

COURSE TITLE *

Welding & Fabrication - Various levels

Next Steps

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.



Computing and ICT

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.

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 and www.findcourses.co.uk/)

COURSE TITLE *

BTEC First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology Level 2

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Information Technology Level 3

HNC/HND in Computing (HTQ)

Level 1 Diploma in Vocational Studies (Computing)

Level 2 Award for IT Users

Level 2 Certificate for IT Users

Level 2 Diploma for IT Users

Level 3 Diploma for IT Users

Next Steps

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.



Early Years

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.

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

Earning Potential

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

COURSE TITLE *

L1 Award in preparing to work in schools

Diploma in Early Years Practitioner (NCFE CACHE) Level 2

NCFE/CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning

NCFE/CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning

Next Steps

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.

English for Speakers of Other Languages

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.

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.

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

Adult learners are also offered the opportunity to study additional courses to improve their work and life skills, such as Digital Skills, Numeracy, Literacy or an Ascentis Award in Employability.

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.

COURSE TITLE *

ESOL with Construction Skills

ESOL (16-18) Study Programme – various levels

ESOL (16-18) Re-engagement

ESOL (19+) Speaking & Listening – various levels

ESOL (19+) Reading – various levels

ESOL (19+) Writing – various levels

Next Steps

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.





English, Maths and Functional Skills

At the College of North West London we recognise that English and Maths are paramount to the success of individuals in their training, employment and personal life. We're fully committed to developing these skills and strive to ensure that our students have achieved a grade 4 (C) or above in English and Maths by the end of their study. We will also ensure that the English and maths skills of our adult learners are improved for them to realise their full potential.

You will acquire skills which you can apply in many aspects of your everyday life including reading for pleasure, writing emails, understanding contracts, applying for jobs, writing your CV and presenting your ideas or critical thinking.

Our GCSE English and Functional Skills courses aim to improve your writing, reading and oral communication skills. You will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, developing skills in language analysis,

evaluation and comparison.

You will also practice writing in a range of different styles, for different audiences and purposes including creative writing and transactional writing. You will also develop your spelling, punctuation, vocabulary and grammar and work on your speaking and presentation skills.

If you decide to study our GCSE Maths course, you can expect to learn a range of skills, which will equip you for the world of work and help you in everyday life.

COURSE TITLE *

GCSE English

GCSE Maths

Functional Skills English

Functional Skills Maths

Next Steps

GCSEs in English and Maths open up new opportunities for your future! They provide you with the correct knowledge and understanding to create your pathway into your dream job or to study at degree level.



Supported Learning

Our Supported Learning team offers educational progression routes for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities.

There are three strands of learning:

Students with Complex Needs:

Learning for Living (complex needs)

Independent Living Skills:

Learning for Living
Preparing for Adulthood

Employability:

Learning for Work
Skills for Work
Pre-supported internship
Supported internships

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 site only)
- A daily living environment (Willesden)
- IT classrooms
- Accessible toilets and hygiene facilities
- Sensory room

Courses and progression routes Profound and Complex Needs

These courses are for sensory learners who follow a highly individualised

curriculum based on the principles of intensive interaction in order to develop the fundamentals of communication and relationships, and to have a presence in the community.

Progression

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

Independent Living Skills

The purpose of these courses is to build on existing knowledge and to further develop skills towards independent living and work. Each aspect of the course is tailored to the individual participants to suit their specific needs.

Progression

Students may progress onto a course at a higher level or Adult Social Care funded provision.

Employability

On these courses, students will develop their understanding of the world of work, and develop the skills, personal attributes and confidence needed to secure paid employment in the future. They will be working at Entry Level in literacy and numeracy and will be expected to be independent travellers or to work towards this. They will access a variety of enterprise and work-based learning 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-Supported Internship

This is a one year course with students spending two days per week doing external work experience to prepare them to progress to a Supported Internship or other work place opportunities.

Supported Internship

These courses are for young people aged 16-24 with a SEND and an Education, Health & Care Plan. They are intended to enable students to find sustainable, substantial, paid employment at the end of the course, by equipping them with the skills they need through learning in the host employer's workplace. Students are supported by a job coach and tutors. Interns must be independent travellers or working towards this.

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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North West London**

We Are Open

Join us at our upcoming Open Days 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...

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Saturday 09 May 2026



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The partnership means:

- Increased range of learning facilities for you to use
 - More opportunities for out-of-class activities
- We can devote more resources directly to teaching, learning and student support services

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