

Course Level: Level 1

Campus: Newcastle

Subject Type: Science & Maths

Course Overview:

Become more confident and employable by studying this part-time functional skills course. Gain the knowledge need to progress onto the Functional Skills Maths Level 2 course which is an essential qualification to apply for jobs, higher education courses, apprenticeships and training courses where a GCSE Maths pass grade (9-4 / A*-C) or equivalent is an entry requirement.

What's Covered:

Functional Skills Maths is a nationally recognised qualifications and an alternative to GCSE. Acknowledged for its real-life application of maths, a Functional Skills qualification will benefit you in everyday life, work and education. During the course, you will study the following areas:

- Using numbers and the number system whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages
- Using common measures, shapes and space
- · Handling information and data

Your teacher will support you throughout the Functional skills course, but it is important you have a real drive and commitment to achieving a difficult qualification. Whilst studying with us you will need to complete an additional 2 hours of weekly self-study learning through homework and online resources.

For the first seven weeks you are enrolled on an introduction to Functional Skills Maths course, where you will be taught the essential skills to help you progress on to the main qualification. At the end of the seven weeks, you will complete a progress assessment, followed by a one to one with your teacher to look at your areas of strength and development.

Entry Requirements:

You should be confident with number skills and where possible, but not essential, hold an Entry 3 or 1 Functional Skills maths qualification. To help ensure the challenging maths course meets your starting point, you will be invited to attend college for one evening prior to the course start date to completed an initial assessments, meet your teacher and learn more about the course.

Assessment Information:

The qualification is assessed in two sections within one exam sitting, section A is non-calculator and section B is calculator based. The formal exams will take place at a point when your tutor feels you are ready, but no later than the beginning of April. In addition, you will complete regular in class assessments with your teacher to monitor your progress and get you ready for the qualification. Feedback and actions will be provided after each assessment, with resources available to further develop your skills within your 2 hours independent study time.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is FREE.

Progression:

Once you have successfully achieved the Functional Skills qualification you will have the option to progress on to level 2 or GCSE in Mathematics.

What else do I need to know?

Please note that courses run subject to minimum viable class sizes and you will need to purchase a maths set.

How do I find out more?

For further information, please call 01782 2542211 or email adult.education@nscg.ac.uk