

Level 1 Award in Employability Skills

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 1

Campus: Leek

Course Overview:

The Level 1 Award in Employability Skills helps learners build confidence, improve communication, and develop key workplace skills. It prepares individuals for further training or employment by focusing on teamwork, problem-solving, and job-seeking strategies, supporting personal growth and readiness for today's competitive job market.

What's Covered:

The Level 1 Award in Employability Skills is designed for 16–18-year-olds (up to 24 with an EHCP) aiming to enhance key learning and development skills to improve progression opportunities and identify future career pathways. It supports learners wishing to explore vocational careers, progress into further post-16 vocational studies, traineeships, apprenticeships, or supported internships.

The course focuses on developing life and employability skills, boosting confidence, independence, problem-solving, resilience, communication, and social skills. It includes continuous study of digital, maths, and English skills alongside two main pathways: the Employability qualification and Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA), which personalises learning to meet individual needs. Project-based learning (PBL) fosters creativity, critical thinking, and real-world problem-solving.

Students gain work experience to enhance employability, participate in community and enrichment activities, and engage in campaigns, preparing them for adulthood and the workplace.

- Enhances key learning and employability skills
- Boosts confidence and independence
- Develops problem-solving, resilience, communication, and social skills
- Includes continuous digital, maths, and English development
- Personalised learning through RARPA
- Engages learners with project-based learning (PBL)
- Provides valuable work experience
- Offers enrichment and community participation opportunities

Entry Requirements:

There are no formal entry requirements for this course. All students are considered on an individual basis and matched to a course that best meets their needs and supports their outcomes, helping them progress toward their aspirations.

Assessment Information:

Initial assessment takes place over several weeks, tailored to each learner's needs, identifying strengths and areas for development through various methods to set starting points. Students complete a portfolio assessed through speaking, listening, reading, writing, project-based learning, video, and photographic evidence, with opportunities to achieve nationally accredited qualifications or meet individual targets.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

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