

Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle



Course Level: Level 1

Campus: Stafford

Subject Type: Motor Vehicle & Hybrid Technology

Course Overview:

Rev up your career with our Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle Studies. Gain practical skills in vehicle maintenance, repair, and diagnostics. From engine systems to components, you'll learn the fundamentals of automotive technology. Through hands-on training and theoretical knowledge, you will be to kickstart your journey towards becoming a skilled automotive technician. Apply now and accelerate your career in the dynamic world of motor vehicles.

What's Covered:

This course is designed to give you the skills required to maintain and repair light vehicles. You will cover a range of topics from how to remove and refit wheels and tyres, to engine dismantle and rebuild. As well as how to work safely whilst you will develop your personal effectiveness skills and communication skills to enable you to progress to further training or employment.

The study programme will also incorporate a range of work related experience activities to ensure that you have the breadth of skills required to progress to further/higher education, employment or an apprenticeship.

Level 1 is the entry qualification for this field and will take one year to complete. Your time at college will be spent equally between the classroom covering theory and the workshop to put theory into practice.

As part of your study programme, you will complete a maths and/or English qualification alongside your chosen course if you have not already achieved a grade 4 or above.

Entry Requirements:

As a condition of being offered a place on this course, you would be expected to meet the following entry requirements:

- Submit a school report showing your attendance, behaviour and effort details
- Attend the Department Experience Day in June 2026
- Complete a summer assignment which would be set on Experience Day in June 2026
- You will need to achieve/have achieved GCSEs at grade 3 or above in Maths and a grade 2 or above in English Language

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed by the use of practical assessments and assignments that will form part of a portfolio of your work. You will also complete a number of multiple choice online tests during the course.

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

100%
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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

Progression:

You will develop practical skills in this trade and once you have completed the Level 1 course, you will then progress onto the Level 2 in Motor Vehicle.

During Level 2, you will be able to build on the skills you have already developed and gain further skills in inspection, exhaust systems, fabrication and welding, batteries and braking system components as well as enterprise and entrepreneurial concepts and problem solving.

You may wish to seek an apprenticeship or employment in the automotive industry as a qualified vehicle technician in a main dealer, an MOT tester or roadside technician.

Some of our Level 3 students decide to apply for university to study on Motor Sport courses and pursue a career in the Motor Sport industry.

Working in the Motor Vehicle Industry: Vehicle technician, MOT tester, Roadside technician, Auto Electrical technician, Heavy Vehicle Trailer Technician

[Please see the government website](#) with further details including average salaries, typical working hours and more about the career.

What else do I need to know?

You will come into college for three days a week and will be required to wear a uniform consisting of a NSCG Embroidered Polo-shirt and Fleece, black work trousers and toe capped boots. During your course, you will be required to undertake 24 hours of work experience. This could be in a garage or attending an event directly relevant to your course. Work experience will look great on your CV and may also lead to a full time apprenticeship.

The department schedule a number of class trips throughout the course; previous years have attended the Autosport/Vehicle show at the NEC Arena and have been Go Karting as part of a team building exercise.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can call the Admin Office on 01785 275535 or email GE2admin@nulc.ac.uk.