

Level 1 Diploma in Construction (Carpentry & Joinery)



Course Level: Level 1

Campus: Newcastle

Subject Type: Construction & Engineering

Course Overview:

Craft your career with our Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery. Learn essential skills in woodworking, joinery techniques, and construction principles. Through practical workshops and theoretical instruction, you will gain hands-on experience in crafting structures and fittings. This comprehensive programme prepares you for entry-level roles in the construction industry or further studies in carpentry and joinery. Join us to unlock your potential in this rewarding field.

What's Covered:

This comprehensive course offers an excellent introduction to the field of Carpentry and Joinery while equipping you with essential general construction skills. Throughout this program, you will develop your practical, knowledge and skillset in Carpentry and Joinery.

Key Course Components: Practical Skills Development:

A significant portion of your course time will be dedicated to honing your practical skills through a variety of hands-on projects conducted in our well-equipped workshops

Classroom and Computer-Based Learning:

Alongside practical training, you'll engage in classroom-based sessions and utilize computer-based resources to deepen your understanding of the tools, materials, and technologies essential to the Construction trade.

Work Experience Opportunities:

You are required to complete 24 hours of valuable work experience as an integral part of the course to further enhancing your readiness for the industry.

Industry Exposure:

To provide you with real-world insights, the course includes visits to construction companies, allowing you to gain first-hand knowledge of construction practices in diverse settings.

In summary, this course not only gives you the fundamental skills and knowledge required for employment in the Carpentry and Joinery trade, but also ensures a well-rounded education that opens doors to higher education, employment, or apprenticeship opportunities in the construction sector.

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.
- 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 practical and theory tests at the end of your training course.

100%

Pass rate

Progress

to Level 2

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

Progression:

Having completed the course, you will be well prepared to progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery full time course, you'll also have the opportunity to advance to a Level 2 Apprenticeship standard in Wood Occupations at NSCG College or opt for a Traineeship with another provider. The apprenticeship is a standard which incorporates a diverse array of knowledge, skills, and behaviours necessary to excel in your profession and successfully complete the end point assessment.

What else do I need to know?

Attendance to our departmental Experience Day in June 2026 will be an entry requirement onto any course within the Construction and Engineering department.

How do I find out more?

To find out more, please contact Dominic Cooper, Curriculum Leader, on 01782 254315.