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Campus: Dearne Valley College

Code: DFECN003#

About This Course

This programme focuses on a flexible structure that provides a variety of opportunities for you to develop knowledge skills and behaviours transferrable within the Construction and Building Trades, (Plastering, Joinery and Bricklaying).

These transferrable sector related skills are essential for progression at Level 1 in the preferred specialist trade (for example Level 1 Bricklaying).

What Will I Study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Introduction to Health and Safety in Construction
- Introduction to the Construction Industry

Plastering

- Preparing Background Surfaces and Applying Render Coats
- Preparing Background Surfaces and Applying Finishing Coats
- Mixing Materials and Applying Floating Coats
- Producing Components from Moulds

Brick

- Constructing Block Walling
- Constructing Half Brick Return Corners
- Joinery
- Constructing Through Mortice and Tenon Joints
- Fixing Architraves and Skirting

Why Study Here?

The structure of the programme focuses on developing knowledge of the bricklaying, plastering and site carpentry trades and provides you with the opportunity to make informed decisions about your progression in further education and employment.

The units have been designed explicitly to meet your learning needs in terms of content, assessment and progression.

Work

experience will develop knowledge gaps of working as a team. Independent thinking, reflective practice, communication, customer care, problem solving and organisation skills will be provided.

Enrichment activities are planned to provide a holistic approach to ensuring you have the opportunity for personal and professional development.

There is a variety of competitions to get involved with including the Skills Show at NEC Birmingham, World Build Skills Competition and Inter- College Competitions.

Entry Requirements

A commitment to the course and a passion for working in Construction.

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513355**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

- Level 1 Bricklaying
- Level 1 Plastering
- Level 1 Site Carpentry and Joinery

Tuition Fees

- 16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees
- Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify here [<https://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/course-fees/>] .

If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 513355**.

Additional Information

Material and tools are provided by the college for practical work, however all learners will need to provide safety footwear, some funding may be available to assist with this.

PLEASE NOTE

We make every effort to ensure information within our online course directory is accurate and a true representation of the courses we are offering in 2021-22 or 2022-23. However, we do reserve the right to make changes if necessary.

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