

VOCATIONAL COURSE GUIDE

LEVEL 2 & 3 SEPTEMBER 2021 ENTRY



58% GRADES AWARDED WERE DISTINCTIONS FOR
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA AT LEVEL 3 IN 2019

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VOCATIONAL COURSES AT NEW COLLEGE

New College offers BTECs and other vocational qualifications across a range of subject areas at Level 3 (taken after GCSEs and equivalent to A Level standard) and Levels 1 and 2. These are highly-recognised and fully-accredited courses that are designed to help you reach your career goals. They provide a practical, real-world approach to learning alongside a theoretical background, giving learners the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need to prepare themselves for both employment or university.

Both campuses (North Star and Queens Drive) have specialist facilities and resources for vocational courses including: a salon; a theatre; art, dance and photographic studios and dark room; labs; industry-standard training workshops; media make-up studios; sports hall; gym; 3G pitch; a recording studio; bespoke facilities for animal care; purpose built construction centre with outdoor simulated construction site; a professional training restaurant and more. All of our facilities are fully-equipped with the materials needed to develop and practise your skills in a professional, hands-on environment.

In addition, we have excellent links with employers, which helps our students to access great employability opportunities. We develop and design our courses to meet the needs of businesses already in the sector to ensure that you will have the skills that employers are looking for when you leave us.

At Level 3, most vocational courses last for two years and are the equivalent of studying 3 A Levels. Studying a full course of this size, gives students the best possible chance of progression. At Level 2, most vocational courses last for one year.

T LEVELS AT NEW COLLEGE

From Sept 2021, New College are offering the exciting new T-Level qualifications in Digital, Health, Science and Education and Childcare.

Developed in partnership with employers, these provide skills and knowledge designed for specific industries. They are equivalent to three A levels and include an extended industry placement of at least 315 hours.

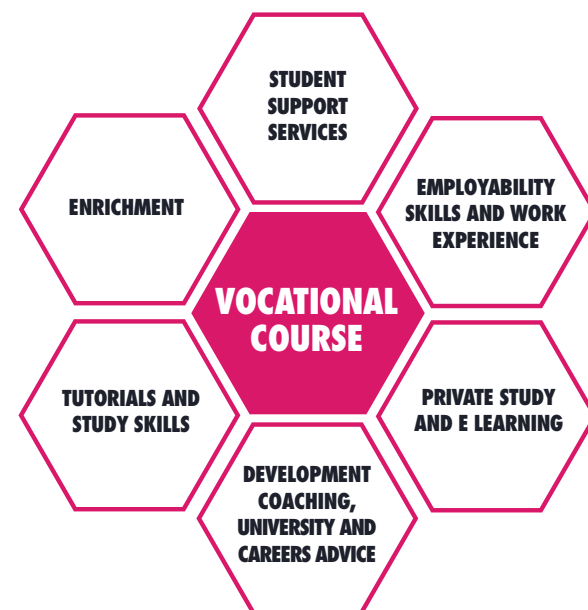
GOING TO UNIVERSITY OR PREPARING FOR WORK

Vocational qualifications are ideal for your progression to either university or work. 95% of universities and colleges in the UK accept BTEC qualifications. Vocational students can often be better prepared in terms of the independent studying that is required at degree level, due to the portfolio-based nature of courses. The time management and self-organisation skills that you will develop on a vocational course can also give you an added edge.

However, with all university plans, it is important to research what the entry requirements are for those university courses that you are interested in. When it comes to progressing straight to a job or career, students who have studied vocational courses have valuable experience gained from undertaking real-life practical tasks and work experience placements.

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Your study programme is made up of a full vocational qualification, with a number of wrap-around components as follows:



EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Employability skills are reinforced in lessons and developed via College events and initiatives such as mentoring and employer visits. You will also be expected to undertake relevant work experience as part of your study programme.

In addition, you will be able to participate in what we call "Extraordinary Extras". These are enrichment initiatives which are designed to help you develop the skills and qualities to help you succeed. They include: events such as College Production and End of Year Shows; additional qualifications; and clubs and competitions such as E-Sports Tournament.

TUTORIAL AND STUDY SKILLS

You will be assigned a personal tutor who works with you on both a one-to-one basis as well as via group delivery to help develop personal, social and employability skills. S/he will also help with UCAS and job applications.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Our extensive pastoral and welfare provision supports you throughout your study and includes nurses, counsellors and chaplaincy team. If you have a medical condition, physical or sensory impairment, learning difference, Autistic Spectrum Condition or any other learning need, our Additional Support team can help.

HIGH FLYERS' PROGRAMME

If you are predicted to achieve at least six grade 7s at GCSE, you can also join the New College High Flyers' Programme.

You will receive additional support and advice, including guidance on applying to top universities, plus access to a number of initiatives designed to both challenge and support you in your study. You can find out more about the programme in our prospectus.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Vocational courses at Level 2 usually require four 3/D grades at GCSE. However, you should check entry grades on the relevant course info sheet at www.newcollege.ac.uk

At Level 3, vocational courses usually require standard entry requirements of a minimum of five 4/C grades at GCSE. You can also progress to a Level 3 vocational course if you have achieved a suitable Level 2 qualification in the same area (subject to other entry requirements being met).

We also have courses running at Level 1 across most subject areas; please check our prospectus or website at www.newcollege.ac.uk for full details.

LEVEL 2

COURSE TITLE	LOCATION
AAT FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE IN ACCOUNTING	QD
BTEC TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL CARE	NS
BTEC DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN SKILLS	QD
BTEC DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN SKILLS (PHOTOGRAPHY - LENS BASED)	QD
CITY AND GUILDS TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN BEAUTY THERAPY	NS
NOCN DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING (CONSTRUCTION)	NS
BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS	NS
NOCN DIPLOMA IN SITE CARPENTRY (CONSTRUCTION)	NS
NOCN DIPLOMA IN BENCH JOINERY (CONSTRUCTION)	NS
NOCN DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING	NS
VTCT DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY (TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE)	NS
BTEC DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA	QD
CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION (ROCKSCHOOL)	QD
NCFE CACHE DIPLOMA FOR THE EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER (CHILDCARE)	QD
CITY & GUILDS DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION (BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)	NS
EAL DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES	NS
EAL DIPLOMA IN FABRICATION AND WELDING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	NS
LIBF CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION	QD

LEVEL 3

COURSE TITLE	LOCATION
AAT DIPLOMA IN ACCOUNTING	QD
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT	NS
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN PRACTICE	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN PRACTICE (TEXTILES, FASHION, INTERIORS AND COSTUMES)	QD
BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN AND MEDIA PRACTICE	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN PRACTICE (PHOTOGRAPHY - LENS BASED)	QD
CITY & GUILDS ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY & SPA	NS
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS	NS
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (CONSTRUCTION)	NS
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING	NS
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (CONSTRUCTION)	NS
VTCT DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY	NS
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRACTICE (GAMES DESIGN)	QD
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRACTICE (MOVING IMAGE)	QD
VTCT DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE SUPERVISION	NS
DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION (ROCKSCHOOL)	QD

COURSE TITLE	LOCATION
ACTIVEIQ DIPLOMA IN FITNESS PROFESSIONALS	QD
VTCT DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE	NS
CITY AND GUILDS TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN HAIRDRESSING	NS
BTEC FIRST EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	QD
BTEC FIRST EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION & CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY	NS
IMI DIPLOMA IN LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PRINCIPLES	NS
OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN MEDIA	QD
BTEC FIRST EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC SERVICES	QD
BTEC DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING AND PRODUCTION ARTS INDUSTRY SKILLS (MEDIA MAKE-UP)	QD
OCR CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS	QD
CITY & GUILDS DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING STUDIES	NS
NCFE DIPLOMA IN SPORT	QD
SPORTS ACADEMIES FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL/NETBALL	QD
BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN TRAVEL & TOURISM	QD

COURSE TITLE	LOCATION
T-LEVEL QUALIFICATION IN DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT	NS
NCFE CACHE T LEVEL TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR & ASSISTING TEACHING)	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	NS
EAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES	NS
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ESPORTS	NS
LIBF DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL STUDIES	QD
ACTIVEIQ DIPLOMA IN FITNESS PROFESSIONALS	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	NS
CITY AND GUILDS ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN HAIRDRESSING	NS
NCFE CACHE T LEVEL TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN HEALTH (ADULT NURSING, MIDWIFERY & MENTAL HEALTH)	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE (DANCE)	QD
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PRODUCTION ARTS PRACTICE (MEDIA MAKE-UP)	QD
T LEVEL IN SCIENCE	QD
NCFE EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE)	QD
NCFE EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (WORKING IN SPORT AND LEISURE)	QD
BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL & TOURISM	NS
BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES	QD

NEW COLLEGE CASE STUDIES



"The support I have received for the course is really good and I am enjoying the subjects and am getting good feedback which is encouraging me to continue to do well. I have been on a few trips which have widened my experience of how businesses work and have opened up options for consideration for my future career."

JACK SOLEY

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS LEVEL 3



"There's a stigma that Engineering is only for males but this is not true. The people on my course have been very welcoming and this has helped me come out of my shell because of the adult environment."

REBECCA FERNANDES

EAL DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING LEVEL 2



"I've felt so welcomed here and the Beauty course has really helped me flourish because you have to be professional, learn how to talk to clients and get to show your personality."

TIA STEP

CITY & GUILDS TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN BEAUTY THERAPY LEVEL 2



"I felt confident that I could go to my teacher for support, when needed, and they would always go the extra mile to help me out. It's vital for me to have this, especially for the industry I want to be in."

JAMES HANSEN

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRACTICE (MOVING IMAGE) LEVEL 3



"I chose to study at New College because there were more options and I wanted to meet new people. I like that we have opportunities to work independently. After College, I want to go to University to study social work for young people."

ISABELY LOUBACK

BTEC NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LEVEL 3



"I have noticed the difference between school and College, and it's nice to be doing what I want to do to move towards a specific career. I want to be a coach/player and be a rugby coach."

TOBY BOND

1ST4SPORT CERTIFICATE IN COACHING LEVEL 2



"I have gained so many skills since being at the college - it has given me the opportunity to try new things and learn at a top level. The thrill I get from cooking is like no other; it makes me feel happy, excited, and confident."

KIERAN SAUNDERS

VTCT DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY LEVEL 3



"This course has given me the opportunity to do other things and branch out. I discovered that I like to draw and do surface design for materials. Take the opportunity to find yourself and what you love in the arts, experimenting and exploring."

BETH HICKS

BTEC FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART, DESIGN & MEDIA PRACTICE LEVEL 3