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Entry 3 Certificate in Construction Skills

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Building Services
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	SFP-COEC-1100

Course Overview

These qualifications provide the ideal introduction to the construction industry and cover essential skills in the following construction trades: bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, plastering, painting and decorating, construction operations, wall and floor tiling, electrical and plumbing.

The phases cover the following trade areas:

Phase 1: Generic Units,

Phase 2: Wall & Floor Tiling, Painting & Decorating

Phase 3: Carpentry and Joinery

Phase 4: Plastering, bricklaying

These course is suitable for individuals wanting an introduction to the variety of construction trades, to gain skills in those areas and perhaps to decide which trade is the right one to pursue a career in.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 2 or above (ideally with Maths and English).

What You Will Learn

Learning for this course will take place both in the classroom and in the workshop. You will develop your skills in numerous trades such as Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating, Small Tiling and Plastering tasks and you will study theory aspects that cover Construction methods, types of buildings and their composition and aspects of Health and Safety found in construction. You will learn about calculating materials and resources needed for specific tasks including calculating area and volumes and also learn how to identify suitable tools and equipment for each discipline.

Assessment

Each unit is assessed via practical assignments that include underpinning knowledge

Progression

You could progress onto next level in construction skills, or focus on a specific area within the construction industry and go on to study plumbing, electrical installation, or carpentry at level 1. You could look to do an apprenticeship, or possibly see if there are any low level employment opportunities in any of the aforementioned fields

Career Options

Further study would likely be required, however, careers you could pursue down the line could include maintenance operative, joiner, carpenter, builder etc.

Mandatory Units

The following units will be covered (subject to availability)

Developing carpentry and joinery skills

Developing hand tool maintenance skills

Developing hand usage skills

Developing brickwork and blockwork skills

Developing painting and decorating skills

Developing plastering skills

Developing tiling skills.

Contact Details

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