



NORTHERN
Regional College
**Higher Level
Apprenticeship
in Construction**



The Higher Level Apprenticeship in Construction provides an alternative route to a career in the construction and civil engineering sector.







What is a Higher Level Apprenticeship?

A Higher Level Apprenticeship is a nationally accredited work-based programme similar to traditional apprenticeships but at a higher level (Level 4 or 5). It is designed to meet the needs of employers for higher skill levels and leads to qualifications equivalent to university.

How Can Your Career Benefit from a Higher Level Apprenticeship?

Employability

You will be employed for 2 years working with a construction or civil engineering company. One day per week will be spent at Northern Regional College studying for your academic qualification. The College will have a close relationship with your employer in mentoring you throughout your employment period.

You will gain valuable knowledge, practical skills and work experience as well as an internationally recognised qualification – just the combination that can help increase your future employability, boost your CV, and help you progress into new career opportunities.

Recognised Qualification

You will gain an internationally recognised qualification – Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (Construction) or Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering).

A Stepping Stone to University

Upon successful completion of your Higher Level Apprenticeship, you can continue your studies by working towards a Level 5 qualification.

Earn While You Learn

You will gain valuable construction or civil engineering work experience from your employer as well as gaining a recognised professional qualification and earning a regular salary (at least the national minimum wage).

Debt-free

This Higher Level Apprenticeship programme will allow you to start your highly-skilled career without the student debt that your university peers will have accumulated during their degree course – providing a real alternative to university.



Higher Level Apprenticeship Framework

Duration

2 years - 1 day per week at College.

For the Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Construction and the Built Environment (Construction) you will study a total of 8 units. Six mandatory units and two additional optional units.

- ▷ Construction Technology
- ▷ Individual Project (Pearson-set)
- ▷ Science and Materials
- ▷ Construction Practice and Management
- ▷ Legal and Statutory Responsibilities
- ▷ Construction Information (Drawing, Detailing, Specification)
- ▷ Surveying, Measuring and Setting Out
- ▷ Tender & Procurement OR Principles of Refurbishment

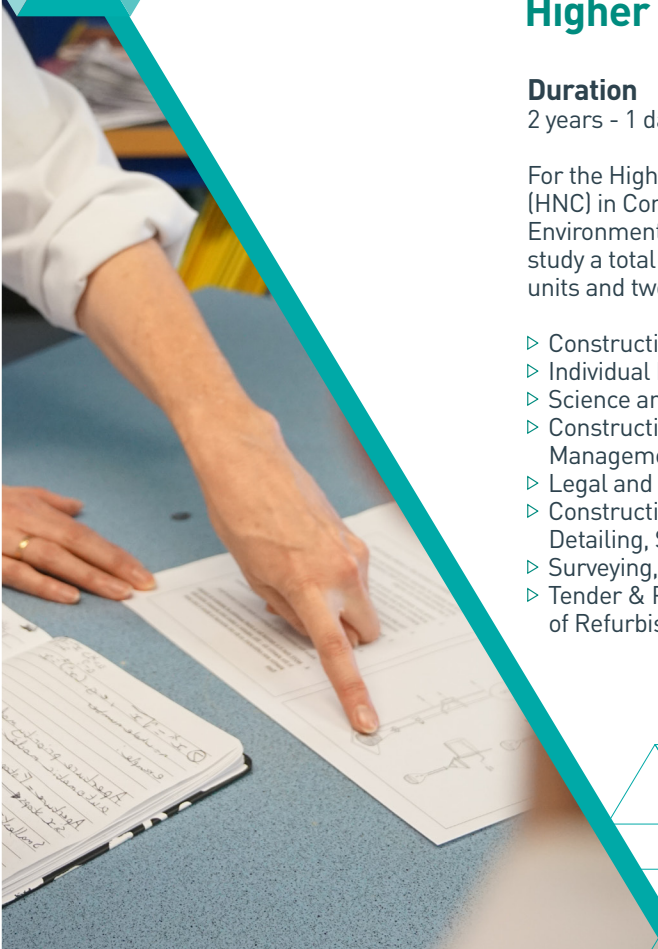
To specialise in Civil Engineering you must complete 7 mandatory units and one additional unit

- ▷ Construction Technology
- ▷ Individual Project (Pearson set)
- ▷ Science and Materials
- ▷ Construction Practice & Management
- ▷ Construction Information (Drawing, Detailing, Specification)
- ▷ Mathematics for Construction
- ▷ Principles of Structural Design
- ▷ Surveying, Measuring and Setting Out OR Legal and Statutory Responsibilities

Unit of study each year may be subject to change.

These qualifications have been developed to meet the requirements of a number of professional bodies such as:

- ▷ Institution of Civil Engineers
- ▷ Institution of Structural Engineers
- ▷ Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- ▷ Chartered Institute of Building
- ▷ Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists



How To Become a Higher Apprentice

You must be at least 18 years on or before 1 July in the year you start your course and must satisfy the general entry requirements below:

- ▶ At least a grade C in GCSE English language and Mathematics (or equivalent); and
- ▶ Four passes in different subjects, of which one should be at GCE A level and three at GCSE level (grades A, B or C) with a minimum of 48 UCAS Tariff Points; or
- ▶ A BTEC Extended Diploma or with good standing equivalent to 48 UCAS Tariff Points; or
- ▶ Another qualification deemed to be appropriate by the admissions tutor

For further details of employer and apprentice eligibility criteria visit nrc.ac.uk.

Getting an Employer

Employers advertise and recruit directly for these positions. It will be competitive and there are likely to be a number of people applying for each Higher Level Apprenticeship vacancy, so you will need to sell yourself and convince the employer that you are the right person for the role.

Benefits for Employers

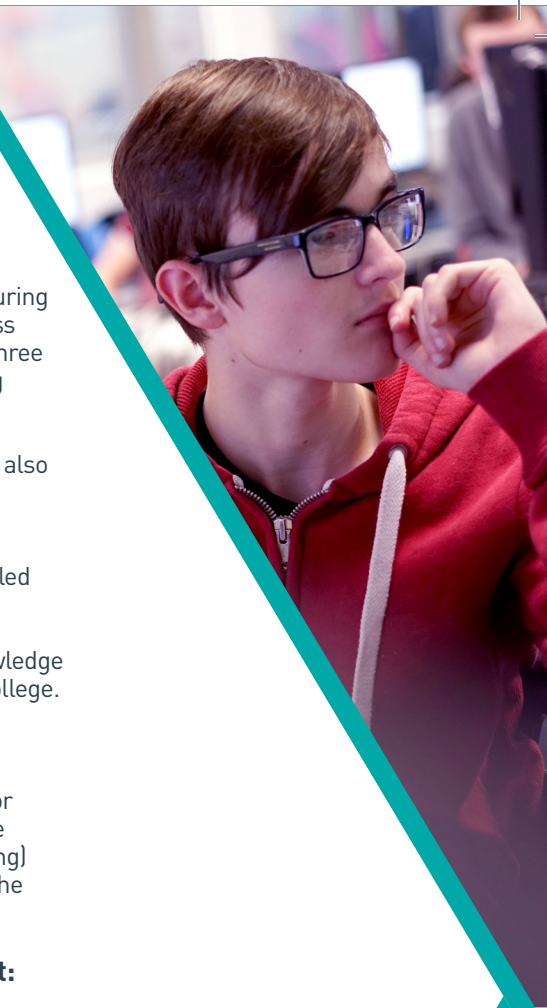
As an employer within the manufacturing and engineering sector, your business can reap the benefits of providing a three year work placement for engineering apprentices while they complete a recognised qualification at Northern Regional College. This opportunity is also open to your existing employees.

Benefits include:

- ▶ **Skilled employees** – access to skilled employees as well as means of upskilling existing staff members.
- ▶ **Stronger business** – transfer knowledge and build relationships with the College.
- ▶ **Value for money** – fully-funded qualifications – Higher National Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment (Construction) or Higher National Certificate and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) supported by the Department for the Economy.

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