Leicester College

Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Painting and Decorating Ascentis (Diploma) level 2

Course Overview

This qualification is for learners aged 16-19 who have an interest in following a career within the Painting and Decorating industry. The Ascentis Level 2 Extended Technical Occupational Entry in Painting and Decorating (Diploma) provides the learner with the opportunity to develop a broad knowledge of the occupational route of Painting and Decorating to underpin their study of the occupation specific knowledge, skills, and behaviours. This qualification also provides learners with the opportunity to demonstrate transferrable employability skills which will help to underpin their technical competence. This qualification has been designed in line with the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour set by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) for the Level 2 Painter and Decorator standard. This qualification enables entry to the aligned occupation in Painting and Decorating (including providing entry level competence with the requirement for further learning/training in work to reach full occupational competence). If you are aged 16 to 19, you will be enrolled on a study programme. This will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will take part in activities that help you to develop your personal skills, such as building your character and confidence. This will help you to live well and move into your chosen career. If you are 16-19 years old these activities will be timetabled as will work experience and placement. You can also choose to take part in other activities.

What you will learn

Our level 2 Extended technical Diploma in Painting and Decorating covers all the main skills and knowledge required to further your learning and progress in this trade. You will study the following mandatory content: Introduction to Working in the Construction Industry Awareness of Domestic Retrofitting Digital Skills and Drawings in Construction Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction Safe Use of Access Equipment Performing Painting and Decorating Operations Principles of Customer Service and Communication for the Construction Industry As a practical course, you will learn in an environment with practical assessments, bespoke workshops, and complete theory in the classroom.

Entry Requirements

Direct entry to this course requires GCSEs in both English and Maths at grade 3 or above, plus a further two GCSEs at grade 3 or above, one of which must include a design or technical-based subject. You will also need to provide one reference and it is desirable that you can demonstrate a minimum of 90% attendance in your last place of study or work. If you are aged 16-19, you will be enrolled in a study programme, which will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and Maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will also be required to complete a work experience placement and an employability programme. Students previously studying with us will need to have attained either a Level 1 Diploma in Construction Skills or similar, plus English and maths at grade 2 minimum or the equivalent Functional Skills. All students will undertake a monitoring period for the first six weeks of their programme. During this time, attendance, attitude, attainment, and application toward study will be monitored. A final decision as to the most appropriate level and outcome will be discussed with you towards the end of your first six weeks.

How you will be assessed

To gain this qualification, candidates must successfully achieve the following Ascentis assessments: Portfolio of evidence for each theory subject One externally set, externally moderated practical assessment One externally set externally marked On line Health and Safety exam sat under examination conditions.

Course Fees

Students will need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) plus an identified tool kit. The approximate combined cost of £100. Previous Leicester College students may only require a top-up tool kit at a reduced cost. You will also require stationary. There is a material fee of approximately £150.00 for this course.

Course Progession

This qualification is suitable for 16-19 year old learners who would like to proceed directly into employment or further training within the craft of Painting and Decorating. On completion of this qualification the learner will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding and demonstrated competence in Painting and Decorating, to progress into employment, further education, and training. This qualification is mapped to the Occupational Standards for Level 2 Painter and Decorator as defined by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your

Course Details

Course Code P00756

Start Date 08/09/2025

Study Hours Full Time

Duration 1 year

Campus Freemen's Park Campus

Level 2

Apply Here

qualifications and employment history, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event/Interview at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.