

Construction Skills Diploma Level 1 (BSE Pathway)

Course Overview

If you want to work in the construction industry and building services engineering this is the course to start on. You'll develop practical skills needed by employers in the industry. Get a taste of both plumbing and electrical trades before choosing which trade to learn more about in the future. If you are aged 16-19, you will be enrolled on 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.

What you will learn

You'll learn hand-skills and practical tasks in the following areas: plumbing and electrical installation - introduction to Health and Safety in construction - an introduction to the construction industry - additional specialist unit. Final units will be selected from a wide range and may include constructing PVC wiring systems - installing lighting circuits - assembling ring final circuits plus bending and jointing copper pipes - constructing combined frames - connecting pipes and fittings to appliances.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course is one reference. It is desirable that you can demonstrate a minimum of 90% attendance at your last place of study. A GCSE in both English and maths at grade 2 or above is also required, plus two further GCSEs at grade 2 or above including a design or technology-based subject. 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.

Course Fees

You will need Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and a basic tool kit. Approximate combined cost of £90. Previous Leicester College students may only require a top-up tool kit at a reduced cost. Basic stationery is required. There is a materials fee applicable to this course. Re-sits for applicable examinations are chargeable.

Course Progression

This qualification is to help prepare you to progress into further learning and training in the building services engineering side of the construction sector. You may take the qualification as part of a pre-apprenticeship programme or a traineeship. Once you have studied the qualification, you should be in a position to decide which construction trade area you would like to specialise in. You could then consider progressing on to study a level 2 qualification in a specific trade area. Available options at level 2 will be discussed during the year.

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 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.

Course Details

Course Code	P00056
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Freemen's Park Campus
Level	1

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