

Technical Occupational Entry in Carpentry and Joinery Ascentis (Diploma) level 2

Course Overview

This qualification is for 16-19 learners who have an interest in following a career within the Carpentry and Joinery industry and want to develop work-related skills within this area. The Ascentis Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry in Carpentry and Joinery (Diploma) provides the learner with an excellent introduction to the theory and practical skills needed to work in the Carpentry and Joinery industry. This will enable learners to make informed decisions on whether to progress with further training and employment within these areas. 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 Carpentry and Joinery standard. This qualification enables entry to the aligned occupation in Carpentry and Joinery (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 technical Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery covers all the main skills and knowledge required to further your learning and progress in this trade. You will study the following mandatory content: Awareness of Domestic Retrofitting Carpentry and Joinery Materials and their Properties Digital Skills and Drawings in Construction Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction Safe Use of Access Equipment Principles of Environmental and Sustainability Compliance within Construction Principles of Customer Service and Communication for the Construction Industry Principles of Modern Construction Methods Preparing for Joinery and Carpentry Activities Carrying out First Fix and Structural Work Carrying out Second Fix and Structural Work As a practical course, you will learn in an environment with practical assessments, bespoke workshops, and complete theory in the classroom.

Entry Requirements

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. 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

Students will need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) plus an identified tool kit. The approximate combined cost of £118. Previous Leicester College students may only require a top-up tool kit at a reduced cost. You will also require stationary. There is a materials fee applicable to this course of a £150.00.

Course Progression

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 Carpentry and Joinery. On completion of this qualification the learner will have obtained the skills, knowledge and understanding and demonstrated competence in Carpentry and Joinery, to progress into employment, further education and training. This qualification is mapped to the Occupational Standards for Carpentry and Joinery 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 qualifications, 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	P00755
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Freemen's Park Campus
Level	2

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