

Personal Protective Equipment required includes:

- Safety Footwear, i.e. boots or shoes with steel toe caps
- Safety Glasses
- A Boiler Suit.

These items must be worn even in hot weather. Ensure you have a lightweight t-shirt or similar to wear beneath the boiler suit. Eating and drinking is not permitted in the classrooms or workshops. Drinking water is available in the toilets, corridors and the cafeteria.

How will I be assessed?

To achieve the Course award you must successfully complete all eight Units. Assessment in this Course will be based on a range of practical workshop activities, supported by tutor observation checklists and candidate self-checking of quality. In the Employability Skills Unit, candidates will carry out self-assessment on a range of skills, review their progress and identify action points.

Each Unit will be supported by a National Assessment Bank item (NAB). This course will show on your final Exam Certificate as an Intermediate 1 award.

What can I do after this course?

This Course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- Intermediate 2 Construction Crafts Course
- Scottish Progression Award in Building Crafts at Intermediate 2
- Employment as an apprentice in the construction industry and associated SVQ work
- Pre-vocational programmes in a Further Education college.

Who should I speak to about this course?

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.



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Aberdeen College School Links

Skills for Work Construction Crafts Intermediate 1



Information for Pupils and Parents

Your school has joined with Aberdeen College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

What is it?

Skills for Work Construction Crafts is a new National Course available in various colleges throughout Scotland. It is aimed at third and fourth year pupils who are interested in working in the construction industry and recognises that many will not have the experience or the knowledge of the different trades to be able to make an informed choice. Therefore, it involves a number of short units which allow people to try their skill across a range of trades.

By completing this Course you will be developing important skills that will allow you to make better choices about your future career. You will then be able to apply for the opportunity to undertake further training, or try for suitable employment through an apprenticeship.

This Course will allow you to sample a range of construction disciplines which will result in you gaining a recognised SQA National Qualification.

What will I Learn?

During this Course you will:

- Develop technical knowledge, skills and understanding associated with a range of craft skills in construction
- Develop an awareness of Health and Safety issues in construction
- Be encouraged to develop a positive attitude to environmental issues
- Develop and learn to apply practical, technical and communication skills as a basis for future learning and progression
- Develop employment skills which can assist with finding and keeping a job in the future.

How will I be taught?

You will be taught by means of practical based activities in the workshop and classroom work. You will be taught in classes held at Aberdeen College, which generally last from 2 to 2½ hours, over 2 years.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- A willingness to learn
- A knowledge of appropriate dress, in particular Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Planning and preparation skills
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others
- Problem solving skills
- An ability to review and identify how your skills are developing.

What will I study?

The course is made up of five core units (as listed below) plus a minimum of another three chosen (by the college) from a range which includes: Brickwork Techniques, Carpentry & Joinery Techniques, Decorative Finishes using water borne paints, Practical Copperwork and Electrical Installation. The units selected will depend on the resources available at the time.

- Half Brick Walling
- Decorative Painting
- Site Carpentry and Bench Joinery
- Plumbing
- Skills for Employment.

In all of the construction crafts courses the aim is to be introduced to a craft and to become better at it. This means you will have to do tasks, e.g. prepare a piece of wood, cut lengths of pipe or paint a wall many times over. Beginning with simple tasks is the only way to start and it is necessary to achieve a certain degree of skill before you can move on to the more complicated tasks.

What do I need?

For all construction and engineering courses it is necessary to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). You are not allowed into the workshops without PPE and will be marked absent if you arrive without it.