



# Apprenticeships

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Earn, Learn and Succeed with an Apprenticeship  
at Southern Regional College

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## More Than a Job!

Apprenticeships are for everyone. No matter your age or the level you want to study at, apprenticeships provide many opportunities in a range of sectors. Apprenticeships combine real work with training and study. As an apprentice, you will earn a wage alongside studying and gaining new knowledge and practical skills, you'll also be putting what you learn straight into practice.

## What to Expect

An apprenticeship combines practical training in College alongside real world

experience. Apprentices at all levels will gain work experience, whilst earning a wage and gaining a qualification. What's more - there are no fees to pay when undertaking any level of apprenticeship. Apprentices develop specific skills that align with the needs of industry, making you an attractive candidate for future employers.

## Top Tip

As an apprentice, you will be a valued employee. Take time to research and apply for job roles, as you will need an employment contract in place before your course starts.

# Benefits of an Apprenticeship

## Get Trained

Within the supportive environment of SRC, you will be taught by skilled staff with many years industrial experience. Our industry standard workshops and high spec classrooms will also allow you to gain the practical experience you need to take into the workplace.

## Get Paid

With an apprenticeship you earn while you learn. Your employer will pay you just as

they would any other employee. If you chose to progress to a higher level apprenticeship, you'll still earn a wage and get your tuition fees paid.

## Get Experience

Through hands on learning you'll gain specific job skills and improve your employability prospects. You'll also work alongside experienced colleagues who will pass on their many years of knowledge and expertise.

## Get Qualified

Apprenticeships result in a valued and recognised qualification on successful completion.

## Get On In Your Career

Whether you want to progress to higher education at college or university or want to get started in your career, an apprenticeship can help you succeed. Apprenticeships open many doors.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How long does an apprenticeship take?

A level 2 apprenticeship typically takes two years to complete and a level 3 an additional one or two years depending on the subject area. If you are studying a higher level apprenticeship, level 5 will normally take two or three years and level 6 an additional two years. Check the course descriptions on our website for the exact duration of the course you are interested in.

## Can my employer be in the Republic of Ireland?

No. Your employer must be registered with HMRC and operate in Northern Ireland.

## Do I have to pay fees?

There are no tuition fees for any level of apprenticeship or higher level apprenticeship.

## What holidays/time off do I have?

Employers will determine and agree holidays with apprentices based on their terms of employment.

## Will I have time off during Christmas/summer holidays when the College is closed?

While you'll have time off from class during Christmas, summer and other periods of student holiday, annual leave from your job will be determined directly with your employer.

## How much will I get paid?

Your employer will decide on how much you get paid. The National Minimum Wage is a minimum amount that employees in the UK are entitled to be paid.

## How do I find an employer?

You can search for apprenticeships on Job Apply NI, contact your local Jobs & Benefits Office, search through newspaper job listings, look for vacancies on employer or recruitment websites or call employers directly making them aware that you want to start an apprenticeship under the apprenticeship programme.

Keep up to date with the College's apprenticeships Facebook page (Apprenticeships at SRC) where vacancies are also posted regularly.

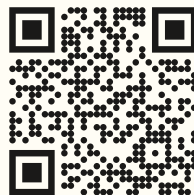
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# Entry Requirements

## Level 2 and Level 3 Apprenticeships

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have attained the upper limit of compulsory school age.
- Be either an existing employee in a new job role that requires a substantial amount of learning and skills development, or a new employee in (or about to take up) a permanent paid employment offer.
- Be employed by a company based in Northern Ireland and registered as an employer with HMRC.
- Be contracted to work a minimum of 21 hours per week (which includes day release/off-the-job directed training).
- Have the potential to successfully complete all the requirements of the appropriate apprenticeship.
- Meet any health requirements (e.g. colour vision, working at heights) specific to the occupation.
- Have achieved any necessary academic qualifications (e.g. GCSEs) determined by the relevant sector for the apprenticeship (see the SRC website for details).
- Pass any entry tests specified by the relevant sector/employer and approved by the Department for the Economy.
- Applicants to most level 3 apprenticeships will need to have successfully achieved a level 2 in a related area.



# Higher Level Apprenticeships

The over-riding consideration in admitting applicants to a higher level apprenticeship (HLA) is evidence that the apprentice is able to complete the course.

## Applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age on or before 1st July in the year of entry.
- Have obtained the minimum UCAS points for the required subject which range from 48 to 96 UCAS points. Please check the course details on our website for the required UCAS points for your subject. You may also need to have achieved a Level 3/A-Level grade in a particular subject area e.g. Science.
- Have attained at least 15 points at level 2 or above (e.g. GCSE) or have alternative approved qualifications. Please note that for some HLAs, a specific grade at GCSE may be required for Maths and English or other subjects.
- Provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English language.

## Other Points to Note:

- Employers may further enhance the entry criteria at their discretion.
- All applicants for HLAs will be interviewed by prospective employers to decide their suitability prior to being employed.
- Each applicant must secure employment with a Northern Ireland based company with a minimum contract of 21 hours.



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## Contact the HLA Team

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# Embrace Student Life

Jump straight into student life and discover opportunities to meet other students, build your confidence and develop your skills. At SRC we offer a vibrant mix of social, cultural and sporting activities alongside studying.

## Get involved in student life



### Freshers' Fair

Starting College is exciting but it can be nerve-wrecking. Our annual Freshers' Fairs will introduce you to life at College. Meet other students and get introduced to the wide range of clubs, societies and services available at SRC.



### Student Consultative Groups/ Student Council

Sign up to become a class representative and influence policies, decisions and provide feedback. It is YOUR education after all and our Consultative Groups and Student Council act as the student voice on campus.



### Students' Union (SU)

Champion your interests and amplify your views. Run for office in our SU elections and become a candidate for positive change. Or perhaps run for SU President and get involved in College governance.



### Clubs and Societies

We offer a wide range of clubs and societies to suit every interest. This includes the LGBTQ+ Society, Movie Club, Gamers Club, Debate Club, Women's Society and My World, My Home Group who promote sustainability. Embrace diversity and inclusion with the Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Council or become a Campus Mental Health Champion. Make a difference for all students.



### Health and Wellbeing

Your wellbeing matters. At SRC we provide health education, fitness suites, physical activity days, counselling services and life skills and resilience workshops to support all students.



### Sustainability

Get serious about sustainability, it's not another buzzword, it's a shared commitment. Real change starts with small actions and together we can make a big impact. Help us reduce the College's carbon footprint, cut down on waste and promote a greener future for everyone. There are plenty of ways to get involved - so take action and be part of the change.



### Fundraising

We're passionate about giving back to the community and want you to be part of the change. Share your ideas and let's make a difference together.



### Exhibitions and Shows

Experience the creativity of your fellow students through captivating exhibitions and shows. Celebrate our art and design, hospitality, hairdressing, media, music, and visual arts students' work throughout the year.

**Together we can make your  
College journey unforgettable.**

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Student Engagement



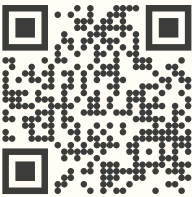
# Applying for an Apprenticeship



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Course Name	Level	Awarding Body	Campus	Duration	Faculty Contact
ACCOUNTING					
ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY BSc (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Newry	2 years	PRSE
ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS Level 5 Diploma <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Accounting Technicians Ireland	Newry	2 years	PRSE
BUSINESS, FINANCE & MARKETING					
DIGITAL MARKETING, ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS BSc (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Banbridge	2 years	PRSE
BUSINESS Level 5 Higher National Diploma <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Pearson BTEC	Newry	2.5 years	PRSE
DIGITAL MARKETING, ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Banbridge	2 years	PRSE
FINTECH Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Newry	2.5 years	PRSE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds	Newry	1 year	PRSE
CHILDCARE					
CHILDREN'S CARE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	NCFE CACHE	Lurgan & Newry	1 year	HESC
CHILDREN'S CARE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	NCFE CACHE	Lurgan	1 year	HESC
COMPUTING					
COMPUTING FOR INDUSTRY BSc (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top-Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Portadown	2 years	CDAC
CLOUD COMPUTING, ANALYTICS AND SECURITY FOR INDUSTRY Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry & Portadown	3 years	CDAC
CONSTRUCTION					
CONSTRUCTION BSc (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top-Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
QUANTITY SURVEYING BSc (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top-Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
CONSTRUCTION (DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	BUTE
CONSTRUCTION (QUANTITY SURVEYING) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	BUTE
CONSTRUCTION SKILLS					
BRICKLAYING (CONSTRUCTION) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City and Guilds	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
BENCH JOINERY (CONSTRUCTION) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City and Guilds	Armagh & Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
DOMESTIC PLUMBING AND HEATING Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City & Guilds	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
PLASTERING (CONSTRUCTION) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City and Guilds	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
SITE CARPENTRY (CONSTRUCTION) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City and Guilds	Armagh & Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
WALL AND FLOOR TILING Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	NOCN_Cskills	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
BRICKWORK Level 2 Diploma (Wet Trades) Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Portadown & Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
CARPENTRY AND JOINERY Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Armagh, Greenbank & Portadown	2 years	BUTE
PLASTERING AND DRY WALL LINING Level 2 Diploma (Wet Trades) Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
PLUMBING AND HEATING Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	City & Guilds	Greenbank & Portadown	2 years	BUTE
WALL AND FLOOR TILING Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING					
ENGINEERING BEng (Hons) Level 6 Degree (Top-Up) <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	6	Open University	Newry	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (ELECTRICAL & - ELECTRONIC) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (MECHATRONICS) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Portadown	3 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (TECHNICAL DESIGN & MANUFACTURE) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING SKILLS					
ELECTROTECHNICAL (ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds	Armagh, Greenbank & Portadown	4 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (FABRICATION AND WELDING) Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City & Guilds	Armagh	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (FABRICATION AND WELDING) Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	City & Guilds	Armagh	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Greenbank & Portadown	2 years	BUTE
HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING					
BARBERING Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City & Guilds	Armagh, Newry	1 year	PRSE
HAIRDRESSING FOR ADVANCED AND CREATIVE HAIR PROFESSIONALS Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	City & Guilds	Armagh, Newry	1 year	PRSE
HOSPITALITY, FOOD MANUFACTURING & TOURISM					
TOURISM, HOSPITALITY & EVENTS MANAGEMENT WITH SPECIALISMS - HOSPITALITY Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Newry	3 years	PRSE
PROFESSIONAL COOKERY Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	FDQ	Newry	2 years	PRSE
PROFESSIONAL COOKERY Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	FDQ	Newry & Portadown	2 years	PRSE
MEAT AND POULTRY INDUSTRY SKILLS Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	FDQ	Portadown	2 years	PRSE
MOTOR VEHICLE					
HEAVY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	IMI	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	IMI	Armagh, Greenbank & Portadown	2 years	BUTE
VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR BODY PRINCIPLES Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	IMI	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR PAINT PRINCIPLES Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship*	3	IMI	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
HEAVY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	IMI	Greenbank	2 years	BUTE
MOTOR VEHICLE SKILLS LIGHT VEHICLE Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Armagh, Greenbank & Portadown	2 years	BUTE
VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR PAINT PRINCIPLES Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	IMI	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
ACCIDENT REPAIR BODY PRINCIPLES Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	IMI	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
SCIENCE					
APPLIED SCIENCE - ANALYTICAL Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Newry	2 years	HESC
APPLIED SCIENCE - BIOSCIENCE Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Portadown	2 years	HESC
SPORT & EXERCISE					
SPORT AND EXERCISE - Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	PRSE
MANAGEMENT					
MANAGEMENT Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds ILM	Newry	1 year	PRSE
*Applicants must commence study at the related level 2 qualification before commencing the level 3 qualification. The level 2 qualification may be an Apprenticeship or a Traineeship. Traineeships are listed on the Further Education course guide.					