

VOCATIONAL STUDY

FOUNDATION LEARNING



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INTRODUCTION

Officially a first rate department, Foundation Learning has recently been recognised by Ofsted as providing outstanding support for learners, excellent teaching, a good range of provision and as having high retention rates. The department offers a really wide range of courses and a supportive environment, helping students take the right steps between leaving school and further education or employment.

FACILITIES

This is a highly professional department, accustomed to supporting learners with a wide range of needs. Whether students have a clear idea about their future, or no idea at all about the kind of course or work they wish to do, Foundation Learning has fantastic on-site facilities and flexible support staff to help them make the right choices.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Foundation Learning's teaching staff have received official praise, with Ofsted rating all teaching as very good. Outside of the classroom, the teachers are dedicated to creating a supportive yet challenging environment, where students really can achieve their full potential.

“I’m really enjoying my course, it’s tailored to meet my interests, which is one of the reasons why I chose to come to TyneMet to study.”

Ashley Wilson, 18, GNVQ Bridging Year 2.

LINKS

The department has strong links with external agencies including Connexions, Local Education Authorities, Social Services, Shaw and Remploy. It also has connections with a broad range of local employers, which means students are always in touch with the skills prospective employers are looking for.

SUCCESS STORIES

Matthew Tate



Matthew Tate made excellent progression within the Foundation Learning Department. Alongside his coursework he completed an NVQ Level 1 Business Administration qualification ran by an external provider. This led

to an offer of supported employment in a busy solicitor's office in Newcastle.

OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Student Union – TyneMet's Student Union is your voice on all campus issues. As well as receiving great money saving offers and discounts, members can attend SU social events and really get involved in college life.

NESA – TyneMet is home to the North East Sports Academy (NESA). NESA offers all students studying at TyneMet up to ten hours of high level coaching in their chosen sport, scheduled within the college timetable. In addition to this great coaching, students can take part in a sport-specific strength and conditioning programme run by expert coaches. Other benefits include free gym membership, physiotherapy and a NESA sports clothing pack.

COURSES

Preparation for Employment

Entry requirements: none.

Qualification achieved: City & Guilds Employability and Personal Development, City & Guilds Literacy, City & Guilds Numeracy, ASDAN Horticulture.

Social and Vocational Skills

Entry requirements: no educational requirement but a level of independence is required.

Qualification achieved: a choice of vocational tasters alongside Edexcel Skills for working life, City & Guilds Literacy, City & Guilds Numeracy, ASDAN self advocacy

Personal Development Opportunities

Entry requirements: none.

Qualification achieved: NCFE / ASDAN / City & Guilds.

Foundation Bridging Course

Entry requirements: basic numeracy and literacy.

Qualification achieved: Edexcel Lifeskills, City & Guilds Literacy & City & Guilds Numeracy.

Certificate in Learning Skills

Entry requirements: none.

Qualification achieved: OCR Edexcel Certificate in Learning Skills.

Broadening Horizons

Entry requirements: must be 18 years old before the start of the course.

Qualification achieved: NCFE Employability Skills Certificate, OCR Communication, ASDAN Work Awareness.

Opening Opportunities

Entry requirements: this course is targeted at students with ASD to develop and improve communication, social and interactive skills to their maximum potential, enabling them to communicate more effectively within the environment.

Towards Independence

Entry requirements: students will be awarded course places having received a home or school visit from a course leader and successfully completed the week long 'link taster' programme.

Basic Skills

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Your starting point	Your opportunity at TyneMet		Where next ?
No formal qualifications	ENTRY LEVEL	Foundation Learning Tier	Progression to Level 1 at TyneMet
Two GCSEs at grade D or above	LEVEL 1	Equivalent to two GCSEs	Progression to Level 2 at TyneMet
Three GCSEs at grade D or above	LEVEL 2	Equivalent to three GCSEs	Progression to Level 3 at TyneMet or Employment
Four GCSEs at grade C or above	LEVEL 3	Two year programmes equivalent to three A levels	Employment, university or foundation degree at TyneMet

NEXT STEPS

To apply for any course complete an application form or call 0191 229 5000 or email enquiries@tyne.ac.uk