

WORKING LIFE AND SKILLS

SKILLS FOR LIFE AND ESOL

INTRODUCTION

The Skills for Life and ESOL programme can help you develop skills to benefit your chosen career path or current employment. From courses to help improve adult literacy and numeracy (Skills for Life in English and Maths) to dedicated language courses (English for Speakers of Other Languages) adult learners will find the department provides a supportive and stimulating learning environment.

FACILITIES

TyneMet's ESOL facilities include five dedicated teaching classrooms for those whose primary language is not English. These include good IT facilities and a multi-faith room. Students studying to improve their literacy and numeracy skills have access to Skills Centres and community venues at Wallsend, Howdon, North Shields and Longbenton.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS

We have seven qualified ESOL teachers at Grade 2 (Good) or Grade 1 (Outstanding). Students will be taught by winners of the TyneMet Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning 2007 / 08.

Four teachers and two learner-facing administrators are dedicated to focusing on supporting learners to pass literacy and numeracy qualifications. Our expert teachers work flexibly to meet learner needs.

"I wanted to improve my English and be able to read and write fluently. This course has given me lots of confidence to go on to higher education and get a suitable job."

Bahram Mobarez, 47, ESOL student.

LINKS

The department is proud of the links and relationships it has developed with the wider community. We are members of the Tyne & Wear Skills for Life Advisory Group and the Regional ESOL Group. We also deliver programmes in partnership with a range of external organisations including North Tyneside Council and the Whitley Bay Islamic Community Centre.

SUCCESS STORIES

Ali Haidari



Ali Haidari studies ESOL at TyneMet. He arrived unaccompanied in England aged 16 unable to speak any English. A year later, after enrolling on the course, he had made great progress, not only grasping the English language, but showing

such dedication that he was announced ESOL Student of the Year 2007 / 08. Now, working closely with ESOL Mentor Tracey Harwood to map out his career, he hopes to use his new skills to become a lawyer.

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.

COURSES

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL)

This programme has been developed for people who want to improve their English language skills and get the most out of living and working in the UK.

It is delivered in two stages: Speaking and Listening; Reading and Writing. Programmes start in September and February and although there are no entry requirements, students must complete each phase before moving to the next level of study. The ESOL programme is free for most learners, but for some a fee may be required.

Skills for Life: Maths and English

Skills for Life are nationally recognised qualifications aimed at helping adults gain stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

You can gain the qualifications at the following levels:

Entry Level: the first step to higher levels of study

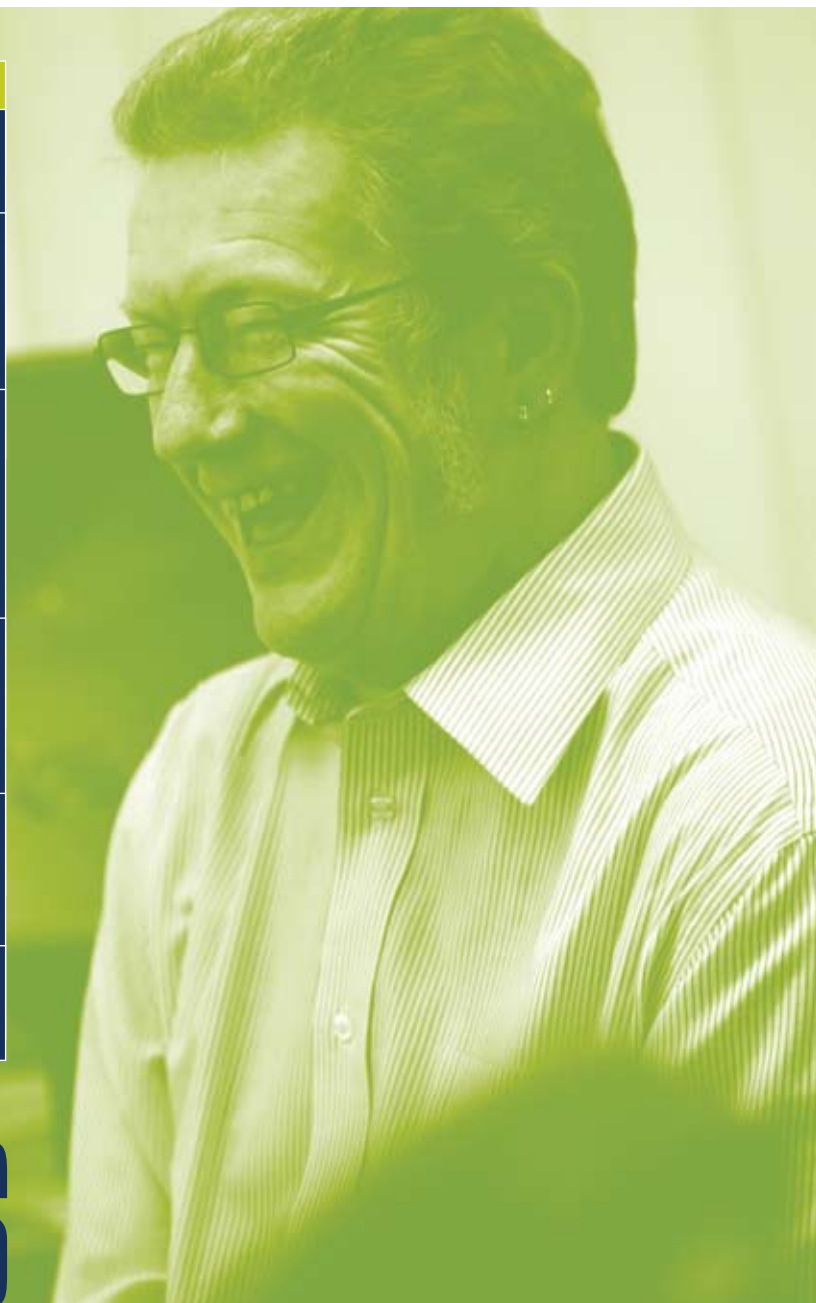
Level 1: equivalent to a GCSE D – G grade

Level 2: equivalent to a GCSE A* – C grade

Fit the course around your lifestyle

Our Skills for Life courses are flexible, meaning you can choose to start a course at any time of the year. You can also choose to study at the TyneMet centre most convenient for you. Alternatively, if you can get together with a group of five other learners, we can deliver classes at your workplace or at a community centre near you.

Level	Typical qualifications
ENTRY LEVEL	Skills for Life Skills for Work Word Power / Number Power
LEVEL 1	Skills for Life NVQ Level 1 Five GCSEs at grade D – G (or fewer at grade A* – C) GNVQ Foundation CSE below grade 1
LEVEL 2	Skills for Life NVQ Level 2 Five GCSEs at grade A* – C Five CSEs at grade 1 One A level or 2 / 3 AS Levels BTEC 1st Diploma GNVQ Intermediate Modern Apprenticeship
LEVEL 3	NVQ Level 3 Two or more A levels Four or more AS levels GNVQ Advanced HEFC Advanced Modern Apprenticeship
LEVEL 4	NVQ Level 4 Teaching qualifications including PGCE BTEC HNC/D Foundation Degree Nursing (SRN)
LEVEL 5	NVQ Level 5 Continuing Education Diploma Professional Development



NEXT STEPS

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