



Adult Learning Courses

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Mo Dixon
Principal, TyneMet



Norma Redfearn CBE
Elected Mayor, North Tyneside

North Tyneside Council and Tyne Metropolitan College are delighted to share with you the Adult Learning and Skills Guide for 2021/22.

Whether your ambition is to prepare for a job, develop your skills or discover a new hobby, we have a course for you - whatever your stage of life.

We know that there's more to learning than gaining a new skill or knowledge though - it's about boosting your wellbeing, making friends, gaining a sense of achievement, and even setting yourself up for a brighter future.

There is no doubt the last year has been challenging for all learners - no matter how young or old - but we were pleased to have offered distanced learning and excellent support for learners during this time. Our service used the pandemic to further develop our capabilities to deliver even more online learning for the forthcoming academic year, as well as our traditional 'in person' studies.

And whether it's digital skills or social care we have a huge array of courses available - and with courses running throughout the day, as well as evenings, there's flexibility to fit around your other commitments. They start throughout the year, so you can begin immediately or book your space for a later date.

We understand that not all learners are the same, that's why we create personalised study programmes for each and every one of our students. You'll also get outstanding support from our student services teams for everything from tutorial support to help with childcare and course fees.

With Ofsted recognising our Adult Learning Service as 'good' in its last inspection, praising the high quality of teaching, and meeting the needs of employers and learners, there's no better time to choose to study with us.

Elected Mayor Norma Redfearn CBE said:

"Here in North Tyneside, we believe in providing opportunities to help people to grow and thrive through learning new things, trying new experiences and meeting new people - be it virtually or in person. One of our main priorities is to give everyone the opportunity to reach their full potential and encourage them to succeed."

Principal of TyneMet, Mo Dixon, said:

"This has been a challenging time for everyone and we have worked hard to ensure our new curriculum offer meets the needs of the community and the businesses it serves. For people looking to change careers, progress in their current role, or simply try something new, we have a wide range of courses available. I would urge people to take this opportunity to look through the guide and get in contact with us to find out more about studying at college and the full package of support we can put in place to ensure all students achieve their goals."

We hope you enjoy reading the guide and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Finding your perfect course

Would you love to be able to say you've learnt something new today? Our courses are designed to fit in with your lifestyle and help you progress in life and work. We have a comprehensive range of courses to build on your talents, learn new skills and enhance your job prospects. There are a wide range of subjects, venues and ways to learn, have a look at our websites for up to date information.

Three steps to enrolling

- 1 View the range of courses we offer on our website
- 2 Find out when and where the course is delivered and how much it costs, you could be entitled to study for free or at a reduced price (see page 8 for help with course fees)
- 3 Phone the Adult Learning Service on **0191 643 2288**
Phone Tyne Metropolitan College on **0191 229 5000**

Advice and guidance

Our team of advisers are available to help you every step of the way, providing impartial advice and guidance about courses and careers, ensuring you have all the information you need to enrol.

How to get in touch:

  @NTAdultlearning

Email: curriculum.support@northtyneside.gov.uk

Website: www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk

Email: enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk

Phone: **0191 229 5000**

LiveChat: **Visit our website www.tynemet.ac.uk and click the LiveChat button on the bottom right corner of the screen.**

How to apply and where to enrol



By phone

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Phone **0191 643 2288** to speak to an adviser.

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Online

Adult Learning Service

Visit our website www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk

Once you've decided on a course, please complete the online application form.

Tyne Metropolitan College

Visit our website www.tynemet.ac.uk and click the

LiveChat button on the bottom right corner of the screen.



In person

Norham High School - East Wing

Visit our website www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk

for opening hours and address details.

Tyne Metropolitan College

Visit our website www.tynemet.ac.uk

for opening hours and address details.





Distance learning -

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Learning online is something that in the last 12 months we have all become more familiar with. You are in control studying at your own pace, at your place, at a time that suits you without the need to attend a classroom.

Our courses offer free* accredited learning, letting you try something new or specialise to take your skills further. We offer a wide range of courses to support you to build skills, start a new career or extend your specialist knowledge in:

- Healthcare & social care
- Teaching & learning including early years
- Safeguarding
- Business services including team leading & customer service
- Digital skills
- Hospitality, food & nutrition

We are regularly updating and extending available courses to match the needs of employers in the area. Please check our website for the latest details www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk.

With regular start dates, it is easier than ever to enrol onto your chosen course. Once enrolled, you will be invited to our next virtual induction event where we'll talk you through everything you need to know to access your course and use our e-portfolio system to submit work. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions about your course and how distance learning works.

To support you with your studies, you will be provided with a high-quality resource pack and online materials to guide you through your programme as well as a specialist tutor to support your learning, give feedback and offer guidance in virtual tutorials.

*subject to eligibility, 19+ residents in England only

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a fantastic opportunity, providing you with a structured path into work. You will receive a combination of training to develop knowledge and employment where you will learn skills that are current and specific to the job role you are in. For young people aged 16-18 who feel full-time education is not for them, apprenticeships are a great alternative and an opportunity to earn whilst learning.

Adult apprenticeships are also perfect for those looking to get into work, progress in their current role or change jobs completely and try something new.

We offer a wide range of apprenticeships across the borough with various employers, as well as North Tyneside Council. Since the introduction of the council's apprenticeship scheme in 2013, 133 apprentices have started their journey into work with the council and many have progressed to higher level apprenticeship programmes.

The Adult Learning Service offers apprenticeship standard training in the following areas:

- Customer service practitioner
- Customer service specialist
- Team leader
- Business administration
- Project management
- Leadership & management
- Coaching professional
- Early years education
- Teaching assistants
- Horticulture

If you are interested in starting an apprenticeship, please visit our website www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk



Catering Skills Academy

Our Catering Skills Academy, based at YMCA North Shields, is a fantastic opportunity to discover hospitality, customer service, food preparation and barista skills.

Our one-week introduction will give you a flavour of this fast paced, exciting industry offering a behind the scenes insight into a working catering kitchen, café service and barista bar and finding out what it takes to keep it all running smoothly.

Our four-week intensive training programme will provide you with a structured path to a career in hospitality or catering. Attending three days per week, you'll get an expert introduction, achieving recognised qualifications including food safety, and you'll experience a real working environment to give you the employment edge. The course is open to anyone who is interested in working in the industry offering a perfect first step to get into or back to work, start your new career or try something new.

For something more flexible try our distance learning courses in food & nutrition or excellence in customer service in hospitality. Visit our website now to find out more www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk.



Ignite Your Potential Study Programme

This specialist programme has been designed to support young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to prepare for adulthood. The programme offers progressive skills development in areas including; health, independent living, community inclusion and employment with a foundation of English, maths and digital skills. This programme is specifically developed for young adults aged 16-24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

We offer a supported pathway to enable each individual to explore what independence means to them, developing life and work skills as appropriate to support their transition into adulthood. Students learn to take an active part in their local community, access fitness and wellbeing activities and engage in volunteering and real work placements developing the skills to live and work independently.

Building on individual goals and areas of interest, tutors and learning coaches work in stages with learners gradually building the knowledge and skills to get the most benefit from their community activities and work placement. As learners prepare to exit the programme, they are supported in planning for a positive transition appropriate to their goals and interests including opportunities such as work-related training, volunteering, NHS Project Choice Internships, full-time or part-time employment.

Life skills courses (ALDD programme)

Our range of courses have been designed to meet the diverse needs of adults with learning difficulties and disabilities and are suitable for people who live independently or in supported living. Offering practical learning opportunities, our programme aims to develop self-expression, confidence, creativity, wellbeing, motor skills and social interaction with all courses embedding English, maths and communication skills in a fun and practical way.

Our life skills programme aims to:

- support independence and empowerment
- enhance volunteering opportunities
- develop communication skills
- develop decision making and problem-solving skills
- engage with and participate in the community
- have the opportunity to maintain physical and mental wellbeing
- develop maths and English skills
- gain confidence to make friends and develop social skills
- acquire skills which have a positive impact on everyday life

Each term a range of themed opportunities are available to select in areas such as cookery, drama, handicraft, art, design and floristry. Our dedicated tutors and learning support volunteers provide a personalised learning journey for every student that is varied, challenging and fun. All we ask from you is commitment. Visit our website www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk to check out the details of courses available this term.



Making your studies affordable

Many of our learners study with us for free or at a reduced rate, you can speak to one of our advisers to perform a quick eligibility check to see if you are entitled to a fee waiver or a discount for your chosen course. We know how important your studies are, so we are continuously working to make learning accessible and keep fees as low as possible.

If your course does include a fee, you can pay using a credit or debit card or you may be able to set up a payment plan.

For example, for an Adult Learning Service course costing over £100 you can pay half on enrolment with the other half due two weeks before the course starts. Please call 0191 643 2288 for more information.

For information about financial help from the Adult Learning Service please visit our website **www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk**

Tyne Metropolitan College offers a range of flexible payment plans allowing you to pay in instalments. Your course fee may be free depending on your circumstances. Phone 0191 229 5000 for further information.

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Advanced Learner Loan

For some level 3 qualifications, if you are not eligible for a fee waiver, you can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover course fees paid directly to your training provider or college. Loan eligibility does not depend on your income, there are no credit checks and loans are only repayable once you are earning over £26,575.

Eligibility

Whether you qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan depends on your:

- Age
- Course
- College or training provider
- Nationality or residency status

You must be 19 or older on the first day of your course. Your course must be:

- A level 3, 4, 5 or 6 qualification, for example A Levels or graduate certificate
- At an approved college or training provider in England (Adult Learning Service or Tyne Metropolitan College)

For further information please visit
www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

Bursary Fund

If approved for an Advanced Learner Loan, you may also apply to the Loan Bursary Fund to help pay for things like:

- Accommodation and travel
- Course materials and equipment
- Childcare
- Classroom assistance for a disability or learning difficulty - once you're assessed by your college or training provider

This application is made directly to your college or training provider - each one has its own application process. Support provided will depend on the provider's scheme and your circumstances.

Speak to your provider's student services team if you need support with your application.

For further information please visit
www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan/bursary-fund



North Tyneside Skills Entitlement

Core skills: English and maths

Most people who do not hold a level 2 qualification or GCSE grade 4 (or grade C) in English or maths are entitled to work towards these free of charge. Our small, weekly workshops last around two and a half hours and are delivered at venues across North Tyneside. We offer a friendly, supportive atmosphere with personalised support and attention enabling you to build on your skills and confidence.

Workshops are available both daytime and evenings in locations across the borough. You can enrol onto one of our workshops at any time throughout the year and will be expected to attend for up to 30 weeks depending on your personal learning plan.

Visit our website www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk or call our curriculum support team to get the latest information about available workshops near you.

You can also study GCSE English or maths which starts in September, but you can prepare for this by enrolling on a functional skills class which runs throughout the summer. Our GCSE classes are delivered over 30 weeks, in the evening, at Norham Adult Learning Centre.

Core skills: Digital

The Adult Learning Service is committed to supporting everyone who does not hold a level 2 or GCSE grade 4 (grade C) in digital skills or ICT to develop core digital skills for learning, employment and life. We provide a range of courses, free of charge, throughout the borough to help you master technology.

Courses are available from first steps into using technology through to level 2 qualifications at venues throughout the borough and you can choose to study full-time or part-time, daytime or evening, as well as via distance learning.

The Adult Learning Service also offers a free digital outreach programme which can provide more personalised support, working with you to identify your particular needs and design workshop sessions to help you to build digital confidence. Working at venues across the borough we can help you get the most out of mobile phones and tablets, transferring these skills across different types of devices, as well as helping you to master the hardware and software most commonly used in the workplace.

Routes to employment or something else?



The Adult Learning Service offers training and support to help you to take your next steps into employment. Our courses are usually free* for anyone who is not currently employed, supporting you to build skills, return to work or start a new career.

We have opportunities available throughout North Tyneside to help you to plan and progress on your pathway to employment. Why not reach your true potential, gain confidence with new groups of people, build team skills for work and access support to find the next opportunity to change your life? Unleash your strengths, build your confidence and develop your knowledge and skills with our wide range of sector-based courses delivering recognised qualifications in relaxed, friendly classes.

We will help you create personal goals, match your skills and abilities to job roles you may never have considered and offer insight and introduction to industries where you may thrive. Explore what you can expect from work and get the most from your career by contacting our curriculum support team or your work coach.

*subject to age and eligibility criteria, please contact our support team or visit www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk for further information.

Construction

Want to get into construction or looking to update your skills? Planning to do some labouring work and need to get onsite?

There are a range of pathways to help you to take your next steps to get into construction studying including starting from scratch with a six week, three days per week, introductory award including your labourer's card in health and safety CSCS.

Alternatively, we have a two week, three days per week opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge to go on to study health and safety and achieve the CSCS card alongside training and support in CV development and the local labour market.

Finally, for those with some background knowledge in construction and access to virtual learning, the health and safety unit needed for the blue labourer's CSCS card can be completed as a fully distance learning activity with remote support from our experienced tutor.

Horticulture

Are you thinking of having an allotment or would you just like to improve your gardening skills?

Would you like to investigate what equipment to use or buy?
Would you like help in planning your plot?
Would you just like to grow some flowers and vegetables?

Our new 10-week course, taught onsite in a working allotment, will enable you to gain an award in practical horticulture skills, including support to work safely in the garden or allotment and personalise the units you study to match your interests, plans and available land.





Health, care and education

The Adult Learning Service offers a range of part-time courses for adults in the health, social care and education areas from level 1 to level 3 including training to work with children in the early years, supporting teaching and learning as a teaching assistant or developing helpful relationships as a counsellor. Our expert tutors have years of industry experience to guide you and study is flexible and personalised to meet your needs.

Thinking about changing your career, or wanting to build your skills or try something new supporting children's learning and development? Our early years educator or supporting teaching and learning courses develop a broad range of skills and competences and include real work experience achieved by volunteering in a local school or early years setting, where we will support you to gain practical skills and apply your learning. Get in touch to book your place at our next advice and guidance event to find out how you can be taking your next steps into childcare.

Do you like listening and helping others? If so, enrolling on to a counselling course may be the route for you. Our counselling courses aim to introduce you to the use of counselling skills in everyday life and work and some of the approaches that underpin the use of these skills. They will also provide you with the opportunity to investigate the knowledge and skills needed to use counselling skills and engage in helping interactions appropriately. Join our introductory groups, book a place in an advice session or call us to enrol.

Careers introduction - health & social care

Level 1 - One-week full-time programme introducing learners to careers and opportunities across the health and social care sector, including introduction with employers, application and interview skills support.

Social care sector work academy programme

Level 2 - Four-week full-time programme (some blended learning opportunities), intensive pre-employment training meeting sector induction standards, work experience and guaranteed social care interview. Also includes DBS clearance screening.

Vocational specialism - virtual learning

In addition to our education and care offer of over 20 distance learning courses (including mental health) we have new distance learning level 2 programmes in:

- End of life care
- Prevention and control of infection
- Preparation to work in social care
- Safe handling of medications
- Dementia care

*subject to age and eligibility criteria, please contact our support team or visit www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk for further information.

Language learning

Language learning has lots of benefits beyond the development of a valuable new skill. This can help boost your self-confidence, provide opportunities to make new friends and increase your employment prospects. The Adult Learning Service offers day and evening courses in a range of languages including:

British Sign Language

From an introduction through to level 1, our British Sign Language courses can help you to communicate with other British Sign Language users. In relaxed, friendly classes, you will develop your knowledge, skills and confidence to choose and use signs to communicate as well as understand and interpret signs by others. Covering a range of topics, you will learn how to hold signed conversations using simple, everyday language.

Modern foreign languages

Learning a language develops confidence, communication and social skills that can be invaluable for work and in your personal life. Learning a modern foreign language can also improve your memory, your ability to multi-task and encourage creativity. We offer language courses in French, German and Spanish to meet the needs of the complete beginner through to the advanced learner. Our sessions will develop pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and comprehension as well as building awareness of continental culture and society. Learn in a welcoming and relaxed environment with encouragement and support from our experienced, qualified tutors and through interaction with other like-minded learners.

English conversation

Practice English in a fun and easy way that lets you talk, listen and get involved with a friendly group. If you are new to English, our group can help you to feel more confident and to learn more words and phrases for talking to others and getting out and about. Join us to practice speaking to and understanding others day-to-day in lots of different ways.



Back to Work Service extended to support a return to work

The success of the Back to Work Service, which is funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority, has resulted in an extension of the project.

The service supports hundreds of residents and local businesses to revitalise employment in North Tyneside as we recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Residents who have lost their jobs, been furloughed or who are on reduced income can access one-to-one support.

We will create a personal back to work plan which will include:

- Understanding what you want and what you can offer employers
- Creating an effective CV and social media profile
- Matching your skills to the jobs market
- Developing your network of contacts
- Coaching you through the interview and recruitment process
- Exploring learning and development opportunities to develop your skills
- Providing ongoing in-work support when you get a job

The team also works with businesses to provide support with recruitment and retention of staff.

Following the end of the furlough scheme, we understand businesses may be considering different working patterns, operating models, resizing and potential redundancies.

Our services are flexible around future needs, whether that's supporting a redundant workforce to transition to alternative employment or helping with recruitment for growth. We will provide a source of support to help build a stronger economy in the future.

Where businesses have recruitment needs, we can link them to motivated, local and talented candidates and help to free up HR and management time by:

- Managing recruitment with candidate matching, screening and shortlisting
- Devising and delivering bespoke pre-employment and sector-specific training
- Addressing retention, motivation and skills issues with in-work mentoring
- Supporting redundancy situations and the affected workforce



Michael's previous employer was unable to offer him any hours and urged him to find alternative employment, however he was concerned that his age would be a barrier. His experience was mainly in catering and he was hoping to stay in that line of work. We supported Michael to find a new job with a local charity and he started work in December.

Michael is really enjoying his new role and thanked the team: "Thank you so much for your help getting me back into work, I really appreciate it. If it wasn't for you, I don't know how long it would have taken me to find a job."

Michael's employer, Pauline Wonders from Family Gateway, said: "We are so happy to welcome Michael to our team, his work ethic and approach is exceptional. He has settled into the Howdelicious catering team very quickly and is learning from some excellent chefs, so we can't wait to see how he develops."

For more information about the Back to Work scheme and what the council is doing to support employment recovery in North Tyneside:

www.skillsnorthtyneside.org.uk

Email: employability.skills@northtyneside.gov.uk

Tel: (0191) 643 2111



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List of courses

Access to HE

- Access to HE Diploma in Health, Level 3
- Access to HE Diploma in Humanities & Social Sciences, Level 3
- Pre-Access Diploma in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development, Level 2

**Our Access to HE Diplomas are available to study full and part time.*

Beauty

- Introduction to the Beauty Sector, Level 1 (Diploma)
- Beauty Therapy, Level 2 (Diploma)
- Beauty Therapy, Level 3 (Diploma)

Business

- HNC in Business
- HND in Business

Catering

- Introduction to Professional Cookery, Level 1 (Diploma)
- Professional Cookery, Level 2 (Diploma)

Computing

- HNC in Computing (Software Development)

Counselling

- Certificate in Counselling Skills, Level 2
- Certificate in Counselling Skills, Level 3
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Counselling



Creative Crafts, Art & Design

- Introduction to Photoshop
- Introduction to Fine Art Painting Techniques
- HNC in Art Practice (Fine Art)
- HND in Art Practice (Fine Art)
- HNC in Art & Design (Graphics)
- HND in Art & Design (Graphics)
- HNC to HND Conversion Course – Art Practice (Fine Art)

Working with Children and Young People

- Diploma in Youth Work Practice, Level 3
- Foundation Degree (FdA) in Education & Care

Engineering

- Manual Metal Arc Welding, Level 1
- Tungsten Inert Gas Welding, Level 1
- Metal Inert Gas Welding, Level 1
- BTEC HNC in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- BTEC HNC in Mechanical Engineering
- BTEC HNC in General Engineering
- BTC HNC in Mechanical Engineering (Welding & Fabrication option)
- 18th Edition Wiring Regulations (BS7671), Level 3
- Manual Metal Arc Welding, Level 2
- Tungsten Inert Gas Welding, Level 2
- Metal Inert Gas Welding, Level 2

ESOL

- Speaking & Listening Skills
- Writing Skills
- Reading Skills

** Courses range from Entry Level to Level 2*

Floristry

- Floristry for Beginners, Level 1
- Floristry, Level 2 (Diploma)
- Floristry, Level 3 (Diploma)

Foundation Learning

We offer four pathways on our Foundation Learning courses:

- Preparation for Living in the Community
- Preparation for Living Independently
- Preparation for Employment and Training
- Preparation for Further Study and Training

Hairdressing

- Introduction to the Hairdressing Sector, Level 1 (Diploma)
- Women's Hair, Level 2 (Diploma)
- Women's Hair, Level 3 (Diploma)

Health, Wellbeing & Sport

- ACTIVEIQ Award in Mental Health Awareness
- ACTIVEIQ Award Instructing Circuit Training, Level 2
- ACTIVEIQ Award Instructing Studio Cycling, Level 2
- ACTIVEIQ Award Instructing Kettlebells, Level 2
- ACTIVEIQ Diploma in Exercise Referral, Level 3
- ACTIVEIQ Diploma in Gym Instructing and Personal Training, Level 3
- Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy, Level 4
- Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy, Level 3
- Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Sports Coaching

Health & Social Care

- Foundation Degree (FdSc) Health and Social Care
- HNC in Healthcare Practice for England

Teaching & Learning

- Certificate in Supporting, Teaching & Learning, Level 2
- Diploma in Supporting Teaching & Learning, Level 3
- Certificate in Education and Training, Level 4
- Diploma in Education and Training, Level 5
- Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievements, Level 3
- PGCE Post Compulsory Education and Training In-service
- Professional Certificate in Post-Compulsory Education and Training PCET In-service

Although most courses are listed as a September 2021 start date, there may be other start dates throughout the year. Contact us or visit www.tynemet.ac.uk to confirm start dates and fees.



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What our students say

Claire, Counselling

After studying her Level 2 and 3 counselling qualification, Claire decided to return to complete her Foundation Degree with us. Check out how her career has progressed after studying with us!

"I decided to return to study the FD in counselling after recognising significant needs in people around me and not being able to offer the level of support I wanted to. It was quite intimidating starting again after such a gap and I felt a little lost the first few sessions. It didn't take me long however, with the guidance and knowledge of tutors, Rob and Carmel, to feel at ease and pick up on what was going on.

I cannot rate Rob and Carmel and the Foundation Degree high enough. It was an unforgettable experience; it gave me so much support and guidance for working in the counselling field. We were told at the start it would change our lives and it most certainly does, the PD experience and space are truly amazing and as a group we still keep in touch."

Rubina, Hairdressing

Rubina already has a masters in science but wanted a career change so decided to study hairdressing. With no experience in hairdressing at all she has started from the very beginning but worked her way up.

"I was inspired by watching other hairdressers work, it was really fascinating so decided to come to TyneMet to learn my new skill.

I've learnt so many new skills since starting my studies including teamwork, communication and time management - all the skills that are important for a career in hairdressing.

My favourite part of the course has been cutting as it's come natural to me. I really enjoy working in the salons at college as I can easily see how things are in practice.

The tutors on the course are great too, they really point you in the right direction and help to recognise your strength and weaknesses to help you achieve.

Rubina started from Level 1 and progressed to Level 3 in September.

Bethany, Electrical Apprentice

Bethany decided to have a bit of a career change after giving birth in 2018 and gaining a new lease of life. After spending time looking at various construction trades, Bethany decided electrical installation was the one for her.

During her first year of study, Bethany was also working in customer service at a hotel and was lucky enough to be mentored through work experience and advice by the Building Services Manager. While picking up skills during her work experience and following advice from her mentor, she realised that an apprenticeship was the route she wanted to go down.

To help secure an apprenticeship, Bethany decided to think outside of the box and set up LinkedIn and Twitter pages, attended workshops, created a portfolio of work and did a lot of research into the industry. She also had lots of support from course tutor, Derek. "Derek was really encouraging from the TyneMet taster day right through! Really positive and full of tips and advice for getting ahead in industry."

Now, Bethany is currently completing an apprenticeship with construction company, TClarke. Here's what she says.

"I love 'the fresh air feeling'. It's that freedom of movement, the exertion of physical energy coupled with problem solving and teamwork. I'm currently helping to build a brand-new secondary school in Northumberland. I love the large scale of things and the wide variety of jobs. The space is highly transient, each day the building grows a little."



Contact North Tyneside Council's Adult Learning Service

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