

Apprenticeships

Discover a world of opportunity with Apprenticeships
at Southern Regional College

2025/26



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More Than a Job!

Apprenticeships are for everyone. No matter your age or the level at which you want to study, apprenticeships provide many opportunities in a range of sectors. Apprenticeships combine real work with training and study. Being an apprentice isn't the same as being a college or university student. You won't just study and gain new knowledge, as an apprentice you'll 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

1

Get Trained

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

2

Get Paid

With an apprenticeship you earn while you learn. Your employer will pay you just as they would any other employee. And if you chose to progress to a higher level apprenticeship, you'll still earn a wage and your tuition fees will be paid.

3

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 knowledge and expertise.

4

Get Qualified

Apprenticeships at any level will result in a valued and recognised qualification on successful completion.

5

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 at each level take?

Level 2 typically takes two years and level 3 an additional two years. If you are studying a higher level apprenticeship, level 5 will normally take three years and level 6 an additional two years. Check the course descriptions on our website for exact details.

Can my employer be in the Republic of Ireland?

No. Your employer must be registered with HMRC and have a base 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 the business' policies and employment contracts.

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

Holidays are arranged directly with your employer, and any leave requests should be discussed with them.

How much will I get paid?

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

How do I find an employer?

You can search on Job Apply NI



Contact your local Jobs & Benefits Office



Search through newspapers, look for vacancies on employer or recruitment websites or call employers yourself making them aware you want to start an apprenticeship under the apprenticeship programme. Also keep up to date with the main SRC social media pages and SRC apprenticeship social media pages where vacancies are posted on a regular basis.



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.

Please see the SRC Admissions Policy for full details available at:



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 a minimum of 48 UCAS points achieved through the completion of A-Levels, National Awards, Access or other alternative approved level 3 qualifications. Each higher level apprenticeship will carry it's own UCAS entry points so it's vital you view the course page on SRC's website for enhanced entry criteria.
- Have attained at least 15 points at level 2 or above (e.g. GCSE) or have alternative approved qualifications. In addition, applicants must provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English language. Many HLAs have specific course requirements for English and mathematics at GCSE so make sure to check the course page on the SRC website.

Other Points to Note:

- Employers may further enhance the entry criteria at their discretion.
- All applicants for HLA 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.

Applying for an Apprenticeship



Embrace Student Life

Dive straight into student life and uncover the many opportunities to meet other students, build your confidence and develop employability skills. Here at SRC we offer a vibrant mix of social, cultural and sporting activities alongside studying. Here are some of the ways you can get involved:



Freshers' Fair

Find out about events, sports teams and how to get involved in the SRC Students' Union.



Student Consultative Groups/Student Council

Make your voice heard! Become a class representative and influence policies, decisions and provide feedback. This is YOUR education!



Students' Union

Champion your interests and amplify your views. Run for office in the Student Union elections and become a candidate for positive change. Or perhaps run for Student Union President and sit on the Governing Body of SRC.



Clubs and Societies

We have a wide range of options to suit every interest. From the LGBTQ+ Society to Movie Club, Gamers Club to Women's Society, you can contribute to many initiatives while at College. Embrace diversity and inclusion with the Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Council. Become a Campus Mental Health Champion and make a difference.



Health and Wellbeing

Your wellbeing matters. We provide health education, fitness suites, physical activity days, counselling services, and life skills/resilience workshops to support you.



Visits/Trips

Embark on exciting visits throughout the year, from college exchanges to activity day trips. Broaden your horizons and make lasting memories.



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.

Let's make your College journey unforgettable. SRC student life awaits you!

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Apprenticeship Courses 2025/26



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Course Title	Level	Awarding/ Accrediting Org	Campus	Duration	Faculty Contact
ACCOUNTING					
ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGIST Level 6 BSc (Hons) 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 (E-BUSINESS) AND FINANCE					
DIGITAL MARKETING, ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS Level 6 (Hons) 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	3 years	PRSE
DIGITAL MARKETING, ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS 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	3 years	PRSE
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds	Newry	1 year	PRSE
LOGISTICS OPERATIONS Level 3 Certificate Apprenticeship	3	City & Guilds	Newry	1 year	PRSE
CHILDCARE & SPECIAL NEEDS					
CHILDREN'S CARE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT Level 3 Diploma Apprenticeship	3	NCFE CACHE	Lurgan	1 year	HESC
COMPUTING, IT & MULTIMEDIA					
COMPUTING FOR INDUSTRY Level 6 BSc (Hons) 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
CIVIL ENGINEERING Level 3 National Diploma Apprenticeship	3	Pearson BTEC	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT Level 3 National Diploma Apprenticeship	3	Pearson BTEC	Portadown	2 years	BUTE
CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT - SURVEYING Level 3 National Diploma Apprenticeship	3	Pearson BTEC	Portadown	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	OCN NI	Portadown & Greenbank	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 Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Greenbank, Portadown	2 years	BUTE
ENGINEERING (FABRICATION AND WELDING) Level 2 Diploma Apprenticeship	2	OCN NI	Armagh	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 (formerly Chemical Pathway) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Newry	2 years	HESC
APPLIED SCIENCE - BIOSCIENCE (formerly Life Science Pathway) Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i>	5	Ulster University	Portadown	2 years	HESC
SPORT, EXERCISE & FITNESS					
SPORT AND EXERCISE - Level 5 Foundation Degree <i>Higher Level Apprenticeship</i> [†]	5	Open University	Newry	3 years	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.

[†]Our higher education / higher level apprenticeship courses have extremely flexible delivery models. You can start as a part-time student and transfer to the higher-level apprenticeship route once you find employment, or vice versa.