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Higher Level Apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering



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Ballymena

Duration

2 years, Part-time.

Northern Regional College under ApprenticeshipsNI is offering a Higher Apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering. This programme has been designed to provide the manufacturing and engineering sector in Northern Ireland with high grade technicians and engineers who have practical skills, combined with a higher education qualification.

The programme will facilitate progression from Level 3 apprenticeship and could also encourage future progression to Level 6 qualifications and enable apprentices to work towards Incorporated Engineer status. The employer will also receive an employer incentive depending on the age of the apprentice and the full attainment of the framework.

Depending on the competency based NVQ modules chosen, the framework covers a wide range of job roles in advanced manufacturing and engineering which broadly fit into the higher-level skills requirements for differing sectors, however the pilot programme being offered by DEL in Northern Ireland will most likely follow the Engineering Manufacture or Engineering Maintenance routes for the moment.

The competence and knowledge qualifications in this framework contribute to general competence as measured in the Engineering Council's UK specification and are endorsed by IMechE, IET and the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS).

If you have Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering, an A-level profile (with STEM subjects) or equivalent qualifications, there may also be opportunities for you, should a company employ you as an apprentice, to further your career.



Over the course of the programme you will undertake the following alongside your employment:

- Level 5 Foundation Degree in Engineering
- NVQ 2 in Performing Engineering Operations (subject to Accreditation of Prior Learning)
- NVQ 3 in a subject specific to your role (subject to Accreditation of Prior Learning)

(Course structure is subject to DEL's Approval)

The apprenticeship will consist of "off the job" training at college learning engineering practices in the workshop while starting the academic technical certificate. As you progress, you will develop your skills within your role in the company gaining experience and real hands-on knowledge through the expert teams based in the business while you continue your studies at college on a day-release basis.

How Can Your Career Benefit from a Higher Apprenticeship?

Employability

You will gain lots of valuable knowledge, practical skills and work experience as well as a recognised qualification - just the combination that can help increase your

future employability, boost your CV and open new career opportunities for you.

Earn While You Learn

You will gain valuable work experience from your employer as well as gaining a recognised professional qualification and earning a regular salary.

Debt-free

This Higher Apprenticeship programme will allow you to start your highly-skilled career without the student debt that your university peers will have accumulated during their degree course - providing a real alternative to university.

Applications

Companies recruit directly for this course. Companies currently participating in the pilot programme include AES, Ballyrashane Creamery, Michelin, Hutchinson Engineering, McAuley Engineering, RLC Langford Lodge, Grants Electrical Services, Wrightbus.

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