Guide to Qualifications and Levels

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Northern Regional College offers a wide range of qualifications in a number of areas - choosing the right qualification is very important.

Level	Previous Title	Current Title	Equivalent to
8		Doctorates	
7		Masters Degrees Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas	
6		Honour Degrees Graduate Certificates and Diplomas	
5	BTEC Higher National Diploma	BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma Foundation Degrees Diplomas of Higher Education	
4	BTEC Higher National Certificate	BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate	Certificates of Higher Education
3	BTEC National Diploma OCR Level 3 NVQ BTEC National Certificate BTEC National Award	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma QCF Level 3 NVQ Diploma BTEC Level 3 Diploma BTEC Level 3 90-Credit Diploma BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	Three GCE A Levels Two GCE A Levels 1.5 GCE A Levels One GCE A Level
2	BTEC First Diploma BTEC First Certificate	BTEC Level 2 Diploma BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate	Four GCSEs A* - C# Two GCSEs A* - C#
1	BTEC Introductory Diploma / Certificate	BTEC Level 1 Certificate / Award	GCSEs D - G
Entry		Entry Level Certificates and Awards	

#GCSE grade equivalences depends on grade achieved on BTEC course, for example Pass = C.

Level 3 Outcomes

GCE Qualifications			
GCE Grade	Points	UCAS	AS Grade
*	8	140	
A	7	120	
B	6	100	
C	5	80	
	4	70	
D	3.5	60	A
	3	50	B
E	2.5	40	C
	2	30	D
	1	20	E

BTEC Level 3 National Award				
Levels	Certificate[1]		Subsidiary Diploma[2]/ Extended Diploma[3]	
	Points	UCAS	Points	UCAS
Distinction*	4	70	8	140
Distinction	3.5	60	7	120
Merit	2.5	40	5	80
Pass	1.5	20	3	40

[1]New from Sept 2010
[2]Formerly National Award: re-titled
[3]Formerly National Diploma: re-titled

Key Skills		
Levels	Points	UCAS
Level 4	2	30
Level 3	1	20
Level 2	-	10

Level 1–2 Essential Skills

Level	Title	Equivalent to
2	Essential Skills	GCSE Grade A-C, BTEC Level 2 Diploma
1†	Essential Skills	GCSE Grade D-G, BTEC Level 1 Certificate/Award

†There are also beginner levels for Essential Skills ranging from Entry Level 3 to Entry Level 1 (Entry Level 3 being the higher entry level qualification).

Level 1–2 Occupational Studies

Grading of Qualification			
Marks Awarded Over 2 Units	Occupational Studies Grade Awarded		Alignment to GCSE Grades
180–200	Level 2	Distinction*	A*
160–179		Distinction	A
140–159		Merit	B
120–139		Pass	C
100–119	Level 1	Distinction	D
80–99		Merit	E
40–79		Pass	F/G
0–39		Unclassified	U