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Apprenticeships



A guide to apprenticeships at South Essex College

Apprenticeships

	Intermediate	Advanced	Campus	Start dates
Accountancy (AAT)	✓	✓	Southend	Sept
Book-keeping	✓		Southend or Thurrock	Oct
Bricklaying	✓	✓	Thurrock	Sept
Building Maintenance Operations	✓		Thurrock	Sept
Business and Administration	✓	✓	Thurrock	Any
Carpentry and Joinery - Bench Work	✓	✓	Thurrock	Sept
Carpentry and Joinery - Site Work	✓	✓	Thurrock	Sept
Community Arts Management		✓	Southend	Any
Cultural Heritage Venue Operations		✓	Southend	Any
Customer Service	✓	✓	Thurrock or Southend for Functional Skills	Any
Digital Learning Design		✓	Thurrock	Any
Driving Goods Vehicles	✓		Thurrock for Functional Skills	Any
Electrical Installation		✓	Thurrock	Sept
Engineering Manufacture		✓	Thurrock	Sept
Food Production and Cooking	✓	✓	Southend	Any
Hospitality Service	✓		Southend	Any
Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	✓		Basildon	Sept

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Live Events and Promotions		✓	Southend	Any
Logistics Operations	✓	✓	Thurrock for Functional Skills	Any
Management (CMI)		✓	Thurrock or Southend for Functional Skills	Any
Music Business (Marketing and Promotion)		✓	Southend	Any
Performing Manufacturing Operations	✓		Thurrock	Any
Plumbing and Heating	✓		Thurrock	Sept
Professional Cookery	✓	✓	Southend	Any
Supply Chain Operations	✓	✓	Thurrock for Functional Skills	Any
Team Leading (CMI)	✓		Thurrock or Southend for Functional Skills	Any
Technical Theatre: Sound, Light and Stage		✓	Southend	Any
Theatre Support: Costume and Wardrobe		✓	Southend	Any
Traffic Office	✓	✓	Thurrock for Functional Skills	Any
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair: Light Vehicle	✓	✓	Basildon	Sept
Warehousing and Storage	✓	✓	Thurrock for Functional Skills	Any

What are apprenticeships?

Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to work for an employer, earn a salary and gain a qualification.

Apprenticeships are made up of a technical qualification which you can study at South Essex College, a vocational qualification (usually an NVQ) which your employer will help you with, and maths & English which you will also be supported with by the College.

Why study apprenticeships?

Earn while you learn

- all apprentices must receive at least the National Minimum Wage
- all apprentices should work for at least 30 hours a week
- over 150,000 employers are offering apprenticeships in more than 200,000 locations
- apprenticeships are available at intermediate, advanced and higher (degree) level

A great future

- after finishing, the majority of apprentices (85%) will stay in employment, with two-thirds (64%) staying with the same employer
- a third (32%) of all former apprentices had received a promotion within 12 months of finishing, and of those in work, three quarters (75%) reported taking on more responsibility in their job
- employers think that qualified apprentices are 15% more employable than those with other qualifications

Source: National Apprenticeship Service



Sue Potter
Learning and development manager at DP World

'We launched our apprenticeship programme so that we can grow our own engineers for the future and to give young people the opportunity to earn as they learn.'



Ashley
20 Rayleigh Apprentice engineer at DP World

'Doing my apprenticeship at DP World has been great because I have the chance to put all the skills I have learnt at South Essex College to practical use.'



Emily
Royal Opera
House

‘Our apprenticeship programme is really good because we know that the apprentices are getting an excellent education while they work in a real theatre setting.’



Sam
Apprentice
at the Royal
Opera House

‘I have always wanted to work in the theatre business and this apprenticeship lets me learn about all aspects of running a successful event whilst getting an industry-recognised qualification.’

How much will you earn?

You will be paid from the first day of your apprenticeship and you’re entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

The current minimum wage rate for an apprentice is £3.30 per hour. This rate applies to apprentices aged 16 to 18 and those aged 19 or over who are in their first year.

Apprentices aged 19 or over who have completed their first year must be paid at least the minimum wage rate for their age.

Use the National Minimum Wage calculator to check:

<https://www.gov.uk/am-i-getting-minimum-wage>

What hours do you get paid for?

You will get paid for:

- your normal working hours (minimum 30 hours per week)
- training that is part of the apprenticeship (usually one day per week)

Example

Tim is an apprentice aged 17 and works 35 hours per week including one day of training.

Apprentice rate: £3.30 per hour x 35

Total Tim gets paid per week: £115.50

Holidays

Apprentices get at least 20 days of paid holiday per year, plus bank holidays.



Georgia
22 Grays
Trainee team
leader at IKEA

‘My ambition is to become an IKEA food manager and work my way up in the company. I have had a lot of support from my tutors at South Essex College. They always take the time to make sure I am on the right track and sort out any problems quickly.’



Helen
Deputy store
manager IKEA

‘Apprenticeships are a great idea for people who want to carry on their education and development as it gives them the opportunity to move their career forward in a very good way.’

How do you become an apprentice?

Which apprenticeship can you choose?

- take a look at our apprenticeship vacancies on our website to see which you are interested in
- register your interest by completing our web form
- you will then receive our apprenticeship vacancy bulletin direct to your inbox, so you get to see the latest opportunities first

How do you find an employer who wants to take you on as an apprentice?

We think that it is great for you if you can find an employer that you really want to work for who is willing to offer you an apprenticeship. Many young people who want to do an apprenticeship start looking for such an employer whilst they are in their last year at school – we would really recommend this to you. Speak to your family and friends to see if they can help you with their contacts. Other good options are to start looking at the National Apprenticeship Service website – www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

The National Apprenticeship Service website is the home of apprenticeship vacancies on the internet – with over 22,000 quality apprenticeship vacancies available online at any time. This was set up by the government to help young people and employers find the right match between them.



Katriana
26 East Tilbury
Advanced
customer relations
co-worker

‘The apprenticeship has helped me prepare for my team leader training at IKEA. It has given me the skills I needed to develop and helped me to progress from the shop floor much more quickly.’



Reuben
28 Grays
Sales Team IKEA

‘I chose to study at South Essex College because I wanted to further my education and improve my sales knowledge. Apprenticeships give you the chance to learn about the industry you’re in and earn while you learn.’



Ross
19 Basildon
Apprentice
engineer at
DP World

'I went to a presentation at the College and it looked really interesting so I applied. I am having a really good time here at DP World. My future is set in engineering.'



Lloyd
22 Maldon
Apprentice
engineer at
DP World

'At DP World we are all learning to be multi-skilled and use a wide range of machinery. This means that we get to cover many aspects of engineering.'

How else can you find an employer?

There are loads of ways in which you can find an apprenticeship:

- try surfing the web for jobs or companies you would like to work for
- try asking friends and family if they know of vacancies
- check out your local newspaper recruitment section for job opportunities

Can I apply for a full-time course whilst I look for an apprenticeship?

- yes, lots of applicants apply for more than one course
- it's important to let us know when you have secured your apprenticeship so we can give the place on the course to someone else
- for full-time courses, check out our FE prospectus or visit www.southessex.ac.uk

Can the College help?

Can the College help you to find an employer who wants you as an apprentice?

- when you register your interest in an apprenticeship vacancy, our experts will be in touch to give you advice on what to do next
- you can also be referred to our fully qualified careers team who will give you advice and guidance



Jake
17 Chadwell
Apprentice
engineer at
DP World

'Being able to work and learn at the same time is brilliant. It is good to see how the things you learn in College actually work in the workplace. The tutors and the facilities at South Essex College are great.'

Open Events

5pm to 8pm

Basildon Campus

Nethermayne, SS16 5NN

Thursday 4 February 2016

Wednesday 15 June 2016

Southend Campus

Luker Road, SS1 1ND

Wednesday 18 November 2015

Wednesday 9 March 2016

Thurrock Campus

High Street Grays, RM17 6TF

Tuesday 12 January 2016

Wednesday 18 May 2016

www.southessex.ac.uk/apprenticeships



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