

**Business Skills
Directory
Training &
Qualifications**



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Invest in Skills

People are the heart of every business.

That's why Somerset Chamber is helping businesses develop the skills they need to grow and thrive.

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- ✓ Strengthen leadership
- ✓ Boost innovation and creativity
- ✓ Future-proof your workforce
- ✓ Support business growth
- ✓ Improve productivity



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Welcome

Welcome to this edition of the
Business Skills. SORTED! directory.

The Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network (DSTPN) is a not-for-profit membership organisation representing training providers, colleges, universities, employers and stakeholders across Dorset and Somerset. Together, our members deliver high-quality skills, further education and training opportunities for young people, adults and businesses throughout the region.

Whether you're looking to upskill your workforce, recruit new talent or explore training opportunities, this directory will help you connect with the right support. Alongside our comprehensive provider listings covering apprenticeships, Skills Bootcamps and a wide range of training opportunities, this year's edition also introduces guidance on Apprenticeship Units, expanded Foundation Apprenticeships, DWP Youth Guarantee Scheme, and the employer benefits and financial incentives available across these and other training routes.

We hope you find this directory a valuable resource.



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Managing Director
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The Directory aims to:

- 1** To offer guidance to businesses on the skills development, education and training routes available to you, your business and your staff.
- 2** Provide information and demystify what training opportunities are available to you and your business.
- 3** Provide your business with information and contact details on the organisations who manage and deliver them.



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Qualification Levels Explained

Levels are used to determine the complexity of the skills educational training pathway. Here is a quick guide on skill levels and equivalent theoretical learning and vocational learning pathways.

Level	Qualification / educational route					
8	Doctorate (PhD)					NVQ 8
7	Masters degree (MA)					Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 6, 7
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc					
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc		Higher National Diploma (HND)			
4			Higher National Certificate (HNC)		Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4, 5	
3	A Levels	International Baccalaureate	T Levels	BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3	
2	GCSE Grades 4-9 (C, B, A or A*)			BTEC first diploma	Intermediate & foundation apprenticeship / NVQ 2	
1	GCSE Grades 1-3 (D, E, F or G)			Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications	NVQ 1	
Academic route			Vocational route		Applied / work route	



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Skills Options

The options shared in this directory will provide information to help employers understand the routes young people can use to enter their business sector.



There are a variety of progression pathways that an individual can take to progress their career aspirations with you. Different pathways suit different people because of their location, content or learning style.

An example of this, is you may wish to upskill staff through short Skills Bootcamps, where they learn skills to take on additional responsibilities, or you may wish them to do a much longer degree apprenticeship.

These are just a couple of examples

Foundation Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships

Supported Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Units

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Foundation Apprenticeships

Foundation apprenticeships are entry-level, employed positions that offer a blend of practical workplace experience and focused off-the-job training. Unlike traditional apprenticeships that focus on a specific occupational specialism, foundation apprenticeships offer a wider perspective on a field.

Benefits for your business

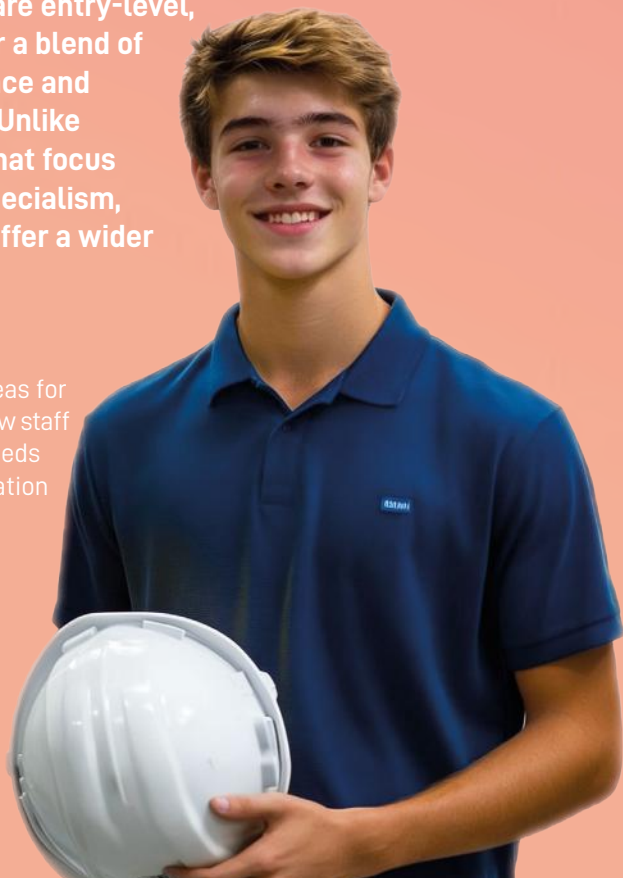
- Introduction of new talent and ideas for your business through recruiting new staff
- Training to meet your business needs
- Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

You must pay at least the apprentice minimum wage

Time

Duration is currently 8 months but can be extended



- ✓ Access new talent
- ✓ Shape your future workforce
- ✓ Streamlined recruitment
- ✓ Financial incentives

- ✓ Cost-effective training
- ✓ Address skills gaps
- ✓ Increased flexibility

Direct Recruitment & Retention Incentives

Foundation Apprenticeships (16yrs – 24yrs)

Employers receive up to **£2,000** per foundation apprentice to assist with onboarding and support costs. This is paid out by the government via the training provider in three fixed instalments:

- **Day 90:** £667
- **Day 242:** £667
- **Completion Bonus:** The final £666 is paid if the individual progresses into a subsequent, higher-level apprenticeship within 6 months of finishing and stays with the same employer.

Fully Funded Training Costs

- The government covers 100% of all training and assessment costs (up to the standard funding band maximum) for any apprentice aged 16–21, or aged 22–24 with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or care-experienced background.
- Businesses avoid the standard co-investment fee usually required for older apprentices.

General Apprenticeship Cash Grants

Employers are additionally eligible for the standard £1,000 young person grant paid for supporting 16–18 year olds, or 19–24 year olds who are care leavers or have an EHC plan. This is paid in two equal instalments of £500 at the 90-day and one year mark.

National Insurance Savings

Businesses do not have to pay Employer National Insurance contributions for any apprentice under the age of 25, provided the apprentice earns less than £50,270 per year.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 (meeting eligibility criteria). They combine on the job training with study to provide the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to fulfil the job role. You can offer an apprenticeship opportunity to new or existing staff. They are available from Level 2 up to degree level and can be undertaken in a range of business sectors.

Benefits for your business

- Introduction of new talent and ideas to your business through recruiting new staff and upskilling existing staff
- Training to meet your business needs
- Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

You must pay at least the apprentice minimum wage and you may need to contribute to training costs

Time

Duration can vary between 8 months and 5 years



- ✓ Reduced staff turnover
- ✓ Upskill your existing staff
- ✓ Improved productivity
- ✓ Improved staff loyalty
- ✓ Funded training

- ✓ 700+ Apprenticeship standards
- ✓ Enhanced business reputation
- ✓ Creating own talent pipeline
- ✓ Business incentives for taking on young apprentices

Direct Recruitment & Retention Incentives

Apprenticeships (L2 – L7) (16 years +)

Employers can stack multiple cash grants depending on the apprentice's age and recruitment route:

- **The £1,000 Young Apprentice Payment:** Paid to any employer hiring a 16–18 year old, or a 19–24 year old care leaver / individual with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. This is split into two £500 instalments at the 90-day and one year mark.
- **The £2,000 SME Hiring Incentive:** A targeted grant for non-levy paying small and medium businesses hiring newly recruited apprentices aged 16–24.
- **The £3,000 DWP Youth Jobs Grant:** Available to any employer hiring an 18–24 year old candidate recommended by the job centre who was previously on Universal Credit for six months or more, paid across months 1 and 3.

Fully Funded Training Costs

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that do not pay the Apprenticeship Levy receive full training coverage for younger cohorts:

- The government covers 100% of training and assessment costs for any apprentice aged 24 and under.
- For apprentices aged 25 and over, non-levy employers must contribute a 5% co-investment fee towards training, with the government funding the remaining 95%.

Levy-Paying Employer Systems

Businesses with an annual wage bill exceeding £3 million utilise their digital Apprenticeship Service accounts to fund training. Under current Growth and Skills Levy frameworks:

- Unused levy funds expire after 12 months.
- If an employer exhausts their levy pot, they must contribute a 25% co-investment fee for apprentices aged 25 years or older, with the government covering the remaining 75%.

National Insurance Savings

All employers are exempt from paying Employer National Insurance contributions for any apprentice under the age of 25, provided their annual earnings remain below £50,270.

Supported Apprenticeships

The same as an apprenticeship, with added support given to the apprentice and you by your training provider if there are additional special needs required by the apprentice. This may include education or ability needs. They are available from Level 2 up to degree level and can be undertaken in a range of business sectors.

Benefits for your business

- Introduction of new talent and ideas to your business through recruiting new staff
- Training to meet your business needs
- Increased staff loyalty and motivation

Cost

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Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Supported Apprentice (16yrs +)

Employing a supported apprentice unlocks distinct layers of financial assistance, separating workplace support (Access to Work) from training support (Education and Skills Funding Agency).

Workplace Adjustment Grants (Access to Work)

Rather than the employer footing the bill for specialised workplace adaptations, an Access to Work grant can pay for:

- **Human Support:** Full funding for on-site job coaches, British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters, or readers.
- **Equipment & Adaptations:** Specialised software, ergonomic hardware, or physical adjustments to the premises.
- **Travel Costs:** Financial help for specialised travel-to-work arrangements if the apprentice cannot use public transport.
- **Note on Cost-Sharing:** If the apprentice is applied for within their first 6 weeks of employment, Access to Work typically covers 100% of these costs. For existing employees, larger businesses may share a small percentage of costs up to a threshold, while the government covers all remaining balances up to an annual cap.

Employer Cash Incentives

- The £1,000 Additional Support Grant: Employers receive a direct £1,000 cash payment for taking on any apprentice aged 16–18, or aged 19–24 who has an EHC plan or is a care leaver. This helps cover any broader onboarding or internal mentoring overheads.

Fully Funded Training Costs

- **100% Free Training:** The government waives all training and assessment costs (100% funded) for any supported apprentice aged 16–18, or aged 19–24 with an EHC plan.
- **Provider Learning Support:** Separately, the training provider can apply for £150 per month (Learning Support Funding) to manage classroom adjustments, meaning no hidden training fees are passed to the business.

National Insurance Savings

Businesses do not have to pay Employer National Insurance contributions for any apprentice under the age of 25, provided the apprentice earns less than £50,270 per year.

Apprenticeship Units

Apprenticeship Units are bite-sized, modules extracted directly from statutory Apprenticeship Standards that are designed to be delivered to employees over the age of 19 years.

Benefits for your business

- **Immediate ROI:** Upskilling of your employee's in a matter of weeks rather than years.
- **Minimized Down-Time:** Shorter, modular training reduces disruption to business operations.

Cost

Levy-Paying Employers (Using Digital Funds)

100% Fully Funded via your digital service account. A 50% Cap Applies: You can only allocate up to 50% of your annual levy pot to Apprenticeship Units. The remaining 50% must fund full apprenticeships.

Levy-Paying Employers (Funds Exhausted)

From 1 August 2026 where a levy payer has insufficient funds in their apprenticeship account and the learner is aged 25 or over (at the start of their apprenticeship unit training), the government will contribute 75% of the funding rate. Learners aged 19 to 24 are 100% fully funded up to the funding band maximum. Non-Levy Employers get Apprenticeship Units 100% Fully Funded up to the funding band maximum.

Time

They are designed to quickly upskill staff and can take anywhere between one to sixteen weeks.



- ✓ **Rapid Upskilling**
- ✓ **Low Financial Risk**
- ✓ **Targeted Business Impact**
- ✓ **Workforce Agility**

Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Apprenticeship Units (19yrs+)

Unlike traditional multi-year qualifications, Apprenticeship Units do not offer direct employer cash incentives. Because these short-form courses are explicitly built to upskill your existing staff over a brief timeframe (1 to 16 weeks), the following adjustments apply:

- **No Hiring or Youth Grants:** The £1,000 Young Apprentice Payment, £2,000 SME Hiring Incentive, and £3,000 DWP Youth Jobs Grant do not apply to Apprenticeship Units.
- **Internal Retention Value:** While there are no cash bonuses, the primary incentive is the zero-cost delivery of rapid upskilling in high-value sectors (like AI and Green Tech)
- without long-term training commitment.

Fully Funded Training Costs

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) that fall below the £3 million payroll threshold can access heavily subsidised, bite-sized training under the Growth and Skills Levy:

- **100% Free for Eligible Adults:** If you do not pay the levy, the government covers 100% of the training and assessment costs for these modular units for any eligible employee aged 19 or older.
- **Zero Co-investment:** The standard 5% co-investment fee required for older workers on full apprenticeships is completely waived for these short courses, making them entirely free for non-levy paying employers.

Levy-Paying Employer Systems

For enterprises with a payroll exceeding £3 million, the management of your Apprenticeship Service Account funding rules are strictly policed:

- **The 50% Spending Cap:** You may be able to legally spend a maximum of 50% of your annual levy pot on these short-course units. The remaining 50% must be ring-fenced for traditional full-length apprenticeship standards.
- **Levy Expiry Window:** Funds expire on a rolling basis after just 12 months (down from the historical 24 months). Furthermore, the government's 10% monthly levy top-up has now been completely abolished.
- **Co-investment Rates:** If you exhaust your levy pot, your required co-investment contribution depends on the age of the learner:
 - For learners aged 19 - 24 years at the start of their training Apprenticeship Units are fully funded.
 - For learners aged 25 years and over you must contribute a 25% co-investment fee to the provider, with the state covering the remaining 75%.

National Insurance Savings

The National Insurance savings framework does not apply to staff enrolled on Apprenticeship Units:

- **No Class 1 NICs Relief:** The standard employer National Insurance exemption (for employees under 25 earning below £50,270) only applies to individuals enrolled in a full, formal government-approved apprenticeship standard.
- You must continue paying standard Employer National Insurance contributions for any worker upskilling via an Apprenticeship Unit.

Supported Internships

Supported internships combine studying with a work placement. They are available for young people, aged 16 to 24, with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), who have an education health and care (EHC) plan.

Benefits for your business

If you host a work placement, you can:

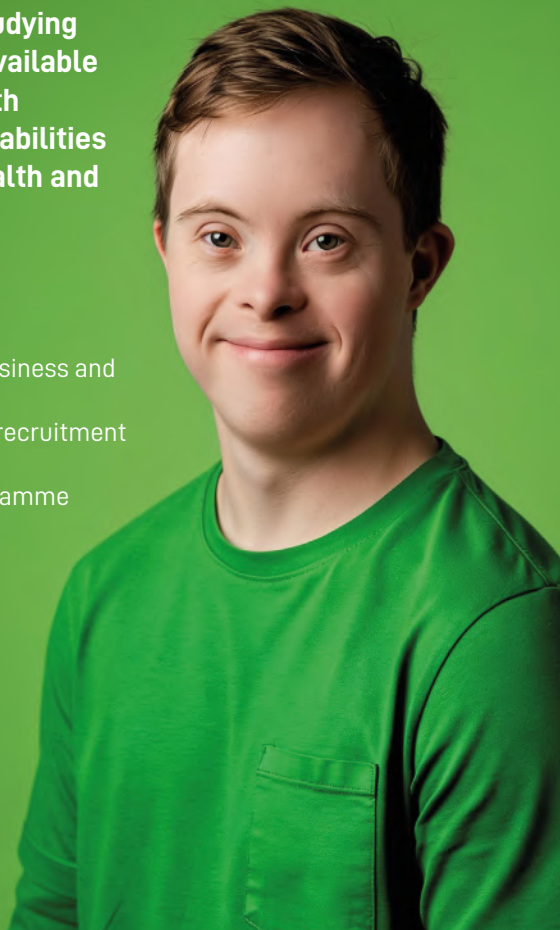
- Shape a job role for the needs of your business and the supported intern.
- Save on recruitment costs and improve recruitment prospects.
- Hiring your intern at the end of the programme increases your confidence of employing individuals with additional needs and diversifies your workforce.

Cost

A supported internship is a free government scheme, but you may have your own business costs, for example time spent training.

Time

A work placement can range from 6 to 12 months.



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| ✓ Enhanced staff diversity | ✓ Giving opportunities to those who would normally struggle |
| ✓ Corporate social responsibility | ✓ Reliable and dependable |
| ✓ Motivates whole workforce | ✓ Strong friendships formed |
| ✓ Raises awareness of peoples' true abilities | ✓ Cements a team |

Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Supported Internships (16yrs – 24yrs)

Because supported internships are treated as a full-time college or school study programme rather than a standard job contract, the financial structure represents zero direct labour or training costs to the employer:

100% Free Labour Force (Exempt from Minimum Wage)

- **National Minimum Wage Exemption:** Because the intern is enrolled as a full-time student with a learning provider, employers are exempt from National Minimum Wage regulations.
- **Unpaid Placements:** The extended work placement (lasting a minimum of 6 months) is entirely unpaid by the employer. Businesses can choose to cover basic travel or lunch expenses, but this is optional.

Fully Funded Expert Job Coaches (Access to Work)

- **No Internal Training Costs:** The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) uses Access to Work funding to pay for a dedicated, professional Job Coach.
- **On-Site Support:** The Job Coach works directly inside your business alongside your staff to train the intern, handle the onboarding induction, and ensure they master their tasks. As the intern gains independence, the coach slowly reduces the support provided at no cost to your business.

Fully Covered Education & High-Needs Capital

- **The £10,000+ Study Grants:** The Department for Education (DfE) handles all educational funding. This includes core study allocations and up to £6,000 in "high-needs funding" distributed via local authorities to manage classroom elements, math/English tutoring, and vocational profiling. **No training fees are passed to the business.**

Tax and Benefit Insulation

- **No National Insurance:** Since the intern is not an official employee on your payroll, there are no Employer National Insurance contributions, workplace pension obligations, or redundancy liabilities to manage.
- **Disability Confident Progression:** Participation allows businesses to fulfil criteria for the government's Disability Confident scheme for free, building inclusive workforce credentials.

Continuous Professional Development Courses

CPD is short for Continuous Professional Development Course. They can either be nationally recognised qualifications or bespoke courses designed and tailored to your business need. These are, in the main, funded by you the employer.

Benefits for your business

You decide which courses your people need and can work closely with your training provider to get the course and content you want.

Cost

The cost of courses varies and is agreed between you and the Training Provider.

Time

Course durations can vary widely depending on what you have commissioned your Training Provider to deliver.



- ✓ Delivered when you want
- ✓ Delivered how you want
- ✓ You can drive the course content
- ✓ Bespoke to your business
- ✓ Improved staff efficiency
- ✓ Good staff interaction
- ✓ Reduced staff turnover
- ✓ Improved job skills
- ✓ Promotes your business learning culture

Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Commercial Continuous Professional Development Courses (CPD)

Because commercial CPD is typically privately operated and market-driven, its financial benefits rely on tax incentives, industry-specific levy rebates, and targeted local grants rather than direct government incentives.

100% Tax Deductibility (Corporation Tax Relief)

The most substantial financial benefit for an employer funding commercial CPD is its classification under UK tax law:

- **Wholly and Exclusively Rule:** If an employer pays for a course that directly maintains, updates, or reinforces an employee's existing skills for the benefit of the business, the entire cost may be fully deductible as an allowable business expense. This directly reduces the company's taxable profits and overall Corporation Tax bill.
- **Exemption from Fringe Benefits:** Work-related training funded by an employer may be exempt from Benefit-in-Kind (BiK) taxation. Employers may face zero additional Class 1A National Insurance contributions, and employees may not pay income tax on the value of the course.

Sector-Specific Training Levy Rebates

In heavily regulated fields, some employers may be able to claw back commercial CPD registration costs using structural industry funds from the likes of:

- **CITB Training Grants:** Construction companies paying into the CITB levy may be able to claim direct cash payments.
- **Adult Social Care Schemes:** Employers utilising the DfE's Learning and Development Support Scheme may be able to claim monetary reimbursements for a wide array of accredited commercial courses and qualifications.

T Levels

Short for Technical Levels, T-Levels are for learners aged 16 to 19 in England who have finished their GCSEs. T-Levels combine classroom learning with an industry placement.

Benefits for your business

If you host an industry placement, you can:

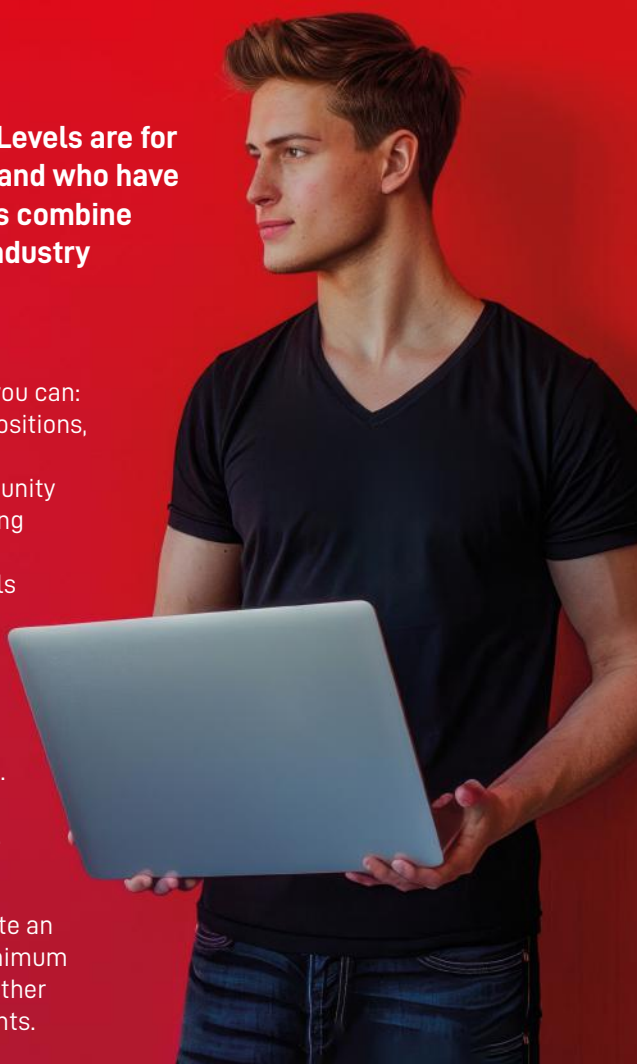
- Build a talent pipeline for junior positions, apprenticeships and internships.
- Give your existing staff the opportunity to gain management and mentoring skills.
- Train a young person with the skills your business needs.

Cost

This is a free government scheme, but you may have costs depending on the industry placement you host. Some costs may be reimbursed through the employer support fund.

Time

Every T Level student must complete an industry placement that lasts a minimum of 315 hours. You can work with another employer to host industry placements.



- ✓ Getting young people work ready
- ✓ 24 different courses available
- ✓ Level 2 Maths and English
- ✓ 80% study, 20% work
- ✓ Alternative to A-Levels

- ✓ 1 T-Level is equivalent to 3 A-Levels
- ✓ Designed by employers
- ✓ 45 day industry placement
- ✓ Progression into work

T-Levels 16yrs – 19 yrs (24 yrs with EHCP)

Because T Level learners are full-time classroom students rather than contracted employees, the financial structure insulates hosting businesses from direct employment costs while offering targeted setup assistance.

Zero Wage Obligations

- **No Mandatory Salary:** T Level industry placements are an integral component of a student's full-time education. There is no legal requirement or expectation for the employer to pay the student a wage.
- **Note on Employer Discretion:** While businesses are free to pay a wage or stipend if they choose, doing so is completely optional and does not shift the student onto a standard employment contract.

The T Level Employer Support Fund (ESF)

To eliminate financial friction, the Department for Education (DfE) runs the Employer Support Fund (ESF). Distributed directly through local colleges and learning providers, this fund reimburses businesses for the tangible costs of setting up a placement:

- **Eligible Businesses:** The fund covers small and medium enterprises (SMEs) hosting any T Level placement, alongside employers of all sizes specifically hosting Health or Construction sector placements.
- **What it Covers:** Full reimbursement for essential operational overheads, including mandatory Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) / uniforms, workspace or workstation setups, specialised software or IT access, necessary health or security screenings (such as DBS checks), and basic student safety inductions.

Fully Administered Local Infrastructure

- **Free Sourcing & Monitoring:** Local educational institutions receive a direct government grant of £550 per T Level student specifically to handle the administrative architecture. This means the college takes on the burden of tracking, paperwork compliance, mid-placement reviews, and curriculum mapping, shielding your internal HR team from administrative overhead.
- **Disability Support Top-Ups:** If you take on a student with additional needs or low prior attainment, the provider accesses separate "disadvantage funding" allocations. This money pays for any auxiliary workspace tools or adjusted learning provisions required during the 45-day block.

Tax and Payroll Insulation

- **0% National Insurance & Pension Liabilities:** Since T Level learners are not recorded on your company payroll, your business is exempt from Employer National Insurance contributions, workplace pension enrolment rules, holiday pay tracking, or redundancy exposure.

Free Courses & Training

There are a range of free courses available, including:

- Essential digital skills (up to and including level 1)
- English and/or maths (up to and including level 2)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (up to, and including level 2)
- Level 3 courses for jobs, ranging from engineering to health and social care

Benefits for your business

By offering your staff free courses or additional free training, you can:

- Promote learning culture and upskill your employees in their current role or support them to progress into higher skilled roles.
- Improve numeracy, language and digital skills in the workplace.
- Increase productivity and workforce development.

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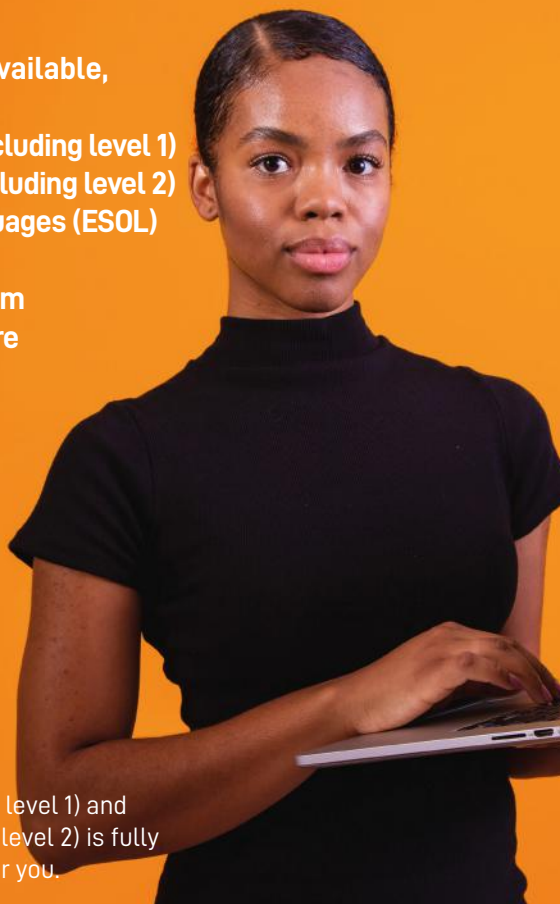
Essential digital skills (up to and including level 1) and English and/or maths (up to and including level 2) is fully government funded and there is no cost for you.

ESOL or Level 3 courses can be fully or co-funded by the provider or the learner. There is no expectation for you to pay towards

ESOL or Level 3 courses qualifications for your employees. However, you can voluntarily choose to pay towards them.

Time

The duration can vary depending on the course subject, level or type.



- ✓ Job ready people
- ✓ English & Maths prepared
- ✓ Eager to do well
- ✓ Previous skills and experience
- ✓ Cost effective recruitment of new staff
- ✓ + Business Reputation

Free (Funded) Courses & Training

Because these courses are treated as essential social and economic priorities, the financial structure represents zero direct costs to the employer while significantly upgrading staff capabilities.

100% Free Workforce Training

- **Fully Funded via the Adult Skills Fund (ASF):** The government covers 100% of all tuition, registration, and exam fees for eligible learners.
- **No Co-investment Required:** Unlike higher-level adult certifications, businesses of all sizes, from micro-SMEs to large corporations, pay nothing towards the training delivery. The entire funding package is drawn directly from national or devolved regional authorities (such as Council Adult Education budgets).

Enhanced ESOL Funding Thresholds

- **The Low-Wage Threshold Exemption:** For ESOL courses, which are heavily utilised by international workers, the government provides full funding for adults who are employed but earn less than the national low-wage threshold (typically around £25,000 annually, varying slightly by regional authority).
- **Zero Contribution for Eligible Job Seekers:** If an employer is recruiting candidates who are currently unemployed or receiving active state benefits, their prerequisite ESOL or basic skills training is entirely covered by the state prior to their official start date.

Free Sourcing and Workplace Cohort Building

- **Zero Administrative Fees:** The training provider manages all individual diagnostic testing, funding enrolment applications, and official exam scheduling. This shields an employer's internal HR team from administrative overhead or processing costs.

Tax and Benefit Separation

- **Exemption from Benefit-in-Kind (BiK):** Because basic skills training directly improves an employee's workplace competency, it may be 100% exempt from Benefit-in-Kind taxation. Employers may face zero additional Class 1A National Insurance contributions, and the employee incurs no personal income tax liabilities for taking the course.

Skills Bootcamps

Skills Bootcamps are flexible training courses for adults aged 19 or over, and are available in a range of sectors such as digital, engineering or green skills. They can help you upskill your existing workforce or recruit new talent. Skills Bootcamps are developed and delivered in partnership with your business and can be offered full or part-time.

Benefits for your business

- Quickly recruit and upskill existing staff with the right knowledge, skills and behaviours.
- Reduced costs associated with traditional recruitment processes.
- Boost productivity with motivated attendees who can introduce fresh ideas and perspectives to your business.

Cost

You can recruit potential new staff at no cost to your business. If you are training your existing staff, you will need to make a training cost contribution of 10% or 30%, depending on your business size.

Time

Skills Bootcamps can last up to 16 weeks.



- ✓ Create your own talent pipeline
- ✓ Have your say in the course design
- ✓ Level 2 to level 5 training
- ✓ Flexible delivery options

- ✓ 60 hours - 16 weeks
- ✓ Recruitment tool
- ✓ Upskill existing staff
- ✓ 70 - 90% co-funded

Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Skills Bootcamps (19 yrs +)

Because Skills Bootcamps are designed to support rapid commercial hiring and targeted internal training, the level of financial government subsidy depends on whether you are recruiting new talent or upskilling existing staff.

100% Free Training for New Recruits

- **Zero-Cost Pipeline:** If you utilise a Skills Bootcamp to interview and hire an external candidate who is currently unemployed, self-employed, or moving from another industry, the entire training and assessment cost is 100% government-funded.
- **The Single Obligation:** The only commitment required from the hiring business is a formal guarantee to offer the candidate a fast-tracked, meaningful job interview for a live role upon course completion.

Subsidised Costs for Upskilling Existing Staff

If you use a Skills Bootcamp to train your current internal staff to step up into new, higher-skilled responsibilities, your business must pay a small co-investment fee. The rest is funded via local authorities and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP):

- **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs under 250 staff):** The employer contributes just 10% of the training cost per employee. The government pays the remaining 90%.
- **Large Employers (250+ staff):** The employer contributes a 30% co-investment fee per employee, with the government covering the remaining 70%.

Tax and Benefit Separation (For External Trainees)

- **Zero Payroll Risk:** When sourcing new talent via a bootcamp provider, the learner is not your employee during the programme. Your business carries zero exposure to National Insurance contributions, workplace pensions, or standard employment liabilities until you formally extend a contract post-interview.

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

A sector-based work academy programme (SWAP) offers jobseekers the opportunity to train and work with your business. You can offer a SWAP to individuals 16 and over who are claiming benefits. The programme includes pre-employment training, a short work placement, and a job interview or help with the application process.

Benefits for your business

If you offer a SWAP, you can:

- Recruit staff with the right skills.
- Meet immediate and future recruitment needs.
- Access a large pool of candidates.

Cost

Free through government funding, but you may have business costs, such as time spent training.

Time

A SWAP can last up to 6 weeks.



- ✓ Practical aptitude
- ✓ Progress to Apprenticeship
- ✓ Have real time experience

- ✓ Meet your recruitment needs
- ✓ Have sector skills & knowledge
- ✓ Meet the skills needs of your business

Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (16yrs+)

Because SWAPs operate as a pre-employment screening and training pipeline, they present zero direct recruitment or wage costs to the hosting business while fully preparing candidates for immediate hire.

100% Free Customised Pre-Employment Training

- **Zero Tuition Fees:** The government covers 100% of the training costs through the Adult Skills Funding or regional skills allocations.

Zero-Wage Work Experience Placements

- **National Minimum Wage Exemption:** The mandatory work placement element of a SWAP is entirely unpaid by the business.
- **No Internal Labour Costs:** Because participants remain on their active state benefits throughout the 6-week block, the employer is legally exempt from paying a wage during the placement.

Fully Insulated Candidate Overhead Expenses

- **State-Funded Travel and Care:** The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) pays for all participant public transport travel expenses and childcare costs while they are on the scheme. Your business bears no out-of-pocket costs for candidate logistics or support.
- **Free Administrative Architecture:** A single point of contact at the Jobcentre handles candidate sourcing, background checks, and initial suitability filtering. This erases your company's traditional HR recruitment advertising costs.

Absolute Tax and Payroll Insulation

- **Zero Employment Liabilities:** Candidates are not registered on your payroll during the training or work placement. Your business has zero exposure to Employer National Insurance contributions, workplace pension setups, holiday pay, or redundancy obligations.
- **The Single Obligation:** In exchange for the free training and labour, the hosting business commits to providing the candidates with a guaranteed job interview or direct assistance with the final application process for an active vacancy.

Higher Technical Qualifications

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) are high-quality and job focused level 4 and level 5 qualifications, such as Foundation Degrees, Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas that have been tested against standards.

Benefits for your business

By offering a HTQ to your existing employees, you can:

- Support your employees to upskill, retrain and improve their skills.
- Create an environment that promotes learning and development.
- Make your business more competitive.

You can also recruit specialist and skilled individuals that already have HTQs.

Cost

HTQs are eligible for the same student finance offer as a degree, but you can choose to pay for HTQs for your current employees.

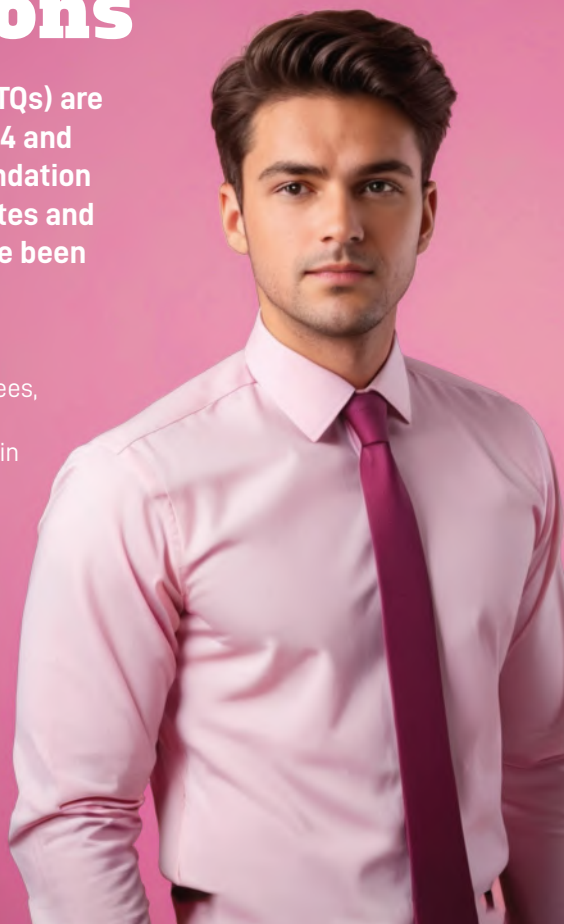
Time

Range from 1 to 2 years full-time study, with part-time and distance learning options also available. Most HTQs do not require a work placement except when this is mandated by the professional and statutory regulatory requirement.



Look out for the HTQ logo or banner which will always show on approved qualifications

- ✓ Upskill existing workforce
- ✓ Gain practical experience
- ✓ 1 year to 2 years
- ✓ Full-time or part-time
- ✓ Level 4 and 5 qualifications
- ✓ Make your business more competitive



Employer Funding & Financial Benefits

Higher Technical Qualifications

Because HTQs are treated as a rigorous higher education path rather than a low-level training course, the funding structure empowers businesses to upskill teams without draining operational budgets.

Student Finance & Learner Loan Insulation

The primary financial perk for an employer is that the worker can entirely self-fund the tuition through mainstream government channels:

- **Tuition and Maintenance Loans:** HTQ courses lasting 1 year or longer are fully eligible for the standard Higher Education Student Finance offer, meaning employees can secure tuition fee and maintenance loans directly.
- **Advanced Learner Loans:** Short HTQ modules lasting under a year are covered by the Advanced Learner Loan system. The business is insulated from upfront commercial tuition fees, and the employee only repays the loan once earning over the designated threshold.
- **Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) Alignment:** HTQs integrate directly into the government's LLE framework, allowing individuals up to age 60 to access tuition loans for modular or full-course technical tracking.

100% Tax Deductibility for Upfront Corporate Payments

If a business chooses to pay the HTQ course fees directly to support an employee's career progression, the investment could yield tax savings:

- **Allowable Business Expense:** Fees paid directly via corporate invoicing are 100% tax-deductible against Corporation Tax, lowering the business's overall taxable profit.
- **Benefit-in-Kind (BiK) Exemption:** Training that aligns with an employee's duties is entirely exempt from BiK taxation. Employers pay 0% extra Class 1A National Insurance, and the worker faces no additional income tax penalties.





Jobcentre Plus support for employers – quick guide

Work Experience

**Are you interested in supporting people who are looking for work?
You can offer Work Experience opportunities.**

Work Experience organised by Jobcentre Plus is open to:

- young people who are aged 18 to 24
- people aged 25 and over who don't have recent work history

For some young people, a lack of understanding or experience of the workplace is a significant barrier to finding employment. For older people, who may have been away from work for a while, the chance to undertake real work and adjust to the routines and habits of working life can significantly improve their confidence and employment prospects.

Work Experience through Jobcentre Plus enables unemployed people to volunteer for placements lasting between 2 and 8 weeks. You can select participants with the help of your Employer Adviser.

Jobcentre Plus continues to pay participants' benefits and cover the costs of travel and childcare if necessary. There is no direct cost to the host employer.

Jobcentre Plus agrees the duration of the placement and will ask you to provide a reference for the jobseeker at the end.

☞ **Contact your local Jobcentre Plus Employer Adviser**

Louise Henley (Clevedon JCP)

☞ **Call** 07799 234606

☞ **email** louise.henley@dwp.gov.uk

☞ **Alternatively contact the Employer Services Line**
using the [online enquiry form](#) or by phone on 0800 169 0178

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Work Experience

Benefits for your business

By helping people gain valuable work experience, your business can reap real benefits such as:

- developing the supervisory and management skills of your current workforce
- enhancing your public profile by supporting your local community
- promoting workforce diversity

Work Experience is not linked to a vacancy or your recruitment. It's all about supporting people back to work through building their confidence and skills. Employers of any size and sector can offer Work Experience and can come from the public, private or voluntary sector.

If, because of the placement, you want to consider employing the person on Work Experience, you can do this.

How it works

In addition to their usual recruitment, a national retailer offers Work Experience placements in their stores to people who lack recent experience in a work environment. 23 year old James, who had never worked due to his Autism, was offered a placement working alongside other employees in a range of job roles. He loved working in the stockroom dealing with daily deliveries. When a vacancy arose a few weeks later, he successfully applied and is now a valued member of the team.

More information

Scan or click for more information about [Jobcentre Plus Work Experience](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employers-could-you-offer-work-experience)



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Connect to Work



Supporting Somerset employers to recruit and retain staff

Need help finding and keeping staff?

Connect to Work Somerset helps employers recruit and keep staff through supported recruitment and in-work support, helping people who face barriers to find and stay in work.

- ✓ Funded recruitment support
- ✓ Access local, job-ready candidates
- ✓ Support to help staff stay in work
- ✓ Single, simple route into support
- ✓ Access to training and skills support
- ✓ Inclusive recruitment and workplace advice

Get in touch today

Email us:
connecttoworkemployers@somerset.gov.uk

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www.stepupsomerset.org.uk/connect-to-work



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How to use this directory

The **provider pages** show which provider in the county delivers each programme

UCS College Group

The formation of UCS College Group marks a pivotal strategic united force for education, driven by one of the largest employers and partnerships in the county.

As one of the largest college groups in England, we have the influence and whole educational ecosystem to offer a range of pathways that deliver the best educational outcomes for our students.

Our mission is to provide a high-quality, world-class education and training that equips our students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the workplace and beyond.

Why train with us?

We are a future-focused, multi-sector organisation that provides a wide range of training and development opportunities. Through our extensive network of partners, we can offer our students a range of pathways that are tailored to their needs and interests.

Why partner with us?

As a leading provider of training and development, we can offer our partners a range of services that can help them to improve their workforce and productivity. Our services include:

- Recruitment
- Training
- Digital
- Health & Social Care
- Business
- Hospitality

What progression pathways they specialise in (colour coded)

Foundation Apprenticeships

- Construction
- Engineering
- Digital
- Health & Social Care
- Business
- Hospitality

Apprenticeship Units

- Construction
- Engineering
- Digital
- Health & Social Care
- Business
- Hospitality

Free Courses & Training

- Construction
- Engineering
- Digital
- Health & Social Care
- Business
- Hospitality

Our training locations

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Dorchester
- Exeter
- Plymouth
- Southampton
- Totton
- Wexham

Contact details

Address: UCS College Group, Unit 1, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH1 4YJ
Telephone: 01202 453181
Email: business@ucscollegegroup.co.uk
Main contact: Lucy Hovenden, Group Director - Future Skills & Growth

Who the provider is and how to contact them

Please be aware that listing all of the Apprenticeships or courses available is not possible in this directory, there are so many of them.

The titles used in the provider pages offer an idea of the sector areas supported,

For example: Health and Science includes all Health-related Apprenticeships including Health & Social Care, Nursing, Midwife, Pharmacist, Clinical Assistant and many more.

Contact the provider for more information

Apprenticeship Provider and Apprenticeships information

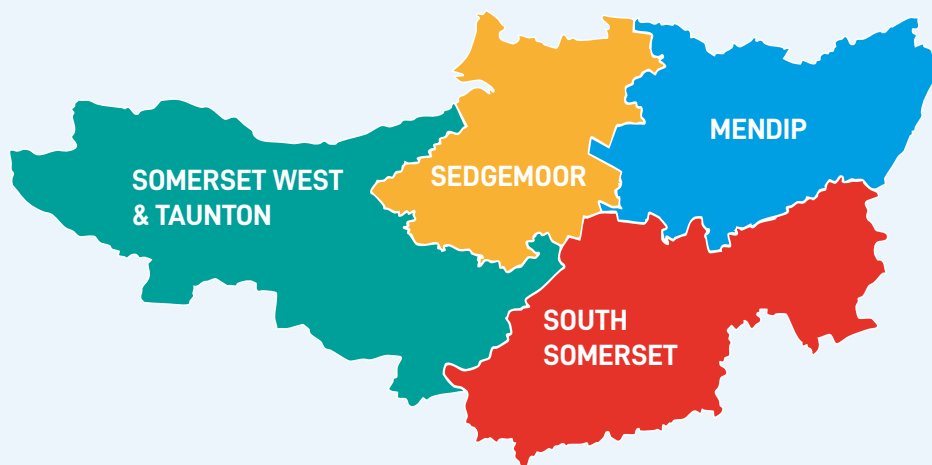
The information provided is a general overview of apprenticeships offered. Not all have been included in this grid. Full lists will be on the providers' pages.

	Agricultural, Environmental & Animal Care	Business & Administration	Care Services	Catering & Hospitality	Construction	Creative & Design
Be Astute			✓			
Bournemouth University		✓	✓			
Health Sciences University						
Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing						
Paragon Skills		✓	✓			
Professional Apprenticeships		✓				✓
Shoots Training		✓				
South West Association of Training Providers (SWATPRO)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SS&L		✓				
t2 group			✓			
TOP Training Ltd		✓	✓	✓		
Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy						
UCS College Group	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weston College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yeovil College		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Digital	Education & Childcare	Engineering & Manufacturing	Hair & Beauty	Health & Science	Legal, Finance & Accounting	Protective Services	Sales, Marketing & Procurement	Transport & Logistics
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Provider by Location

This is a snapshot of the providers listed in this directory and the areas that they serve. Some providers may offer online learning but not have a physical building or campus in these areas.



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Be Astute

At Be Astute, we combine sector expertise with a supportive, learner-focused approach. Our programmes are delivered by experienced practitioners who bring real-world insight, ensuring learning is relevant and practical.

We offer flexible, blended delivery, one-to-one guidance, and strong employer engagement—helping learners gain skills, confidence, and professional credibility to excel in their roles and make real impact.

Why train with us

Be Astute specialises in training for the domestic abuse support sector.

Our programmes are led by experienced practitioners with deep knowledge of the challenges, best practice, and legislation shaping the field. We combine this expertise with flexible, blended delivery and personalised support—ensuring learners gain the practical skills, confidence, and professional credibility to excel in their roles and deliver lasting impact.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Domestic Abuse Support Worker**





What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
-  Continuous Professional Development Courses
-  T Levels
-  Free Courses & Training
-  Skills Bootcamps
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

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Frome, BA11 4LW

Telephone 07767 261161

Email julia@be-astute.co.uk

Main contact Julia Stock,
Director

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Bournemouth University

Bournemouth University's ranking in the top 100 of the THE World Young University Rankings 2024 and in the top 5% of all UK apprenticeship providers reflects our commitment to preparing graduates for success..

Our strong industry connections ensure our degree apprenticeships are employer-led and combine academic study with real-world experience. Working with key regional employers, and drawing on expertise across health, science, technology, media, creative industries, finance, business and management, we help meet current and future workforce needs.

BU was a finalist for Best University for Apprenticeships and won Best Apprenticeship for our Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship at the 2026 Apprenticeship Guide Awards.valuable industry experience.

Why train with us

We aim to be the region's degree apprenticeship provider of choice, strengthening the regional workforce and helping employers meet current and future challenges.

We deliver apprenticeships across a range of sectors to meet employer need and are rated Outstanding by Ofsted for our apprenticeship delivery. All staff delivering on our apprenticeships are experts in their fields, and apprentices are trained in a high-quality, up-to-date learning environment.

In our 2025 employer survey, 100% of employers with said they would recommend us.

We also deliver excellent apprenticeship outcomes, with a 100% achievement rate at end-point assessment.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Digital**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Health & Science**
- **Legal, Finance & Accounting**

Continuous Professional Development Courses

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
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-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Bournemouth

(We accept apprentices from - Sedgemoor, Mendip, Somerset West, Taunton & South Somerset)

Contact details

Address Bournemouth University
Talbot Campus, Fern Barrow
Poole BH12 5BB

Telephone 01202 961916

Email Business@bournemouth.ac.uk

Main contact Dr Sara Glithro,
Head of Apprenticeships

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Cosmic

Cosmic is a social enterprise specialising in digital skills training, websites, tech support, and consultancy. We deliver in-person and online training across the South West, helping individuals, businesses, and organisations improve digital confidence and capability.

Our services include skills audits, digital process reviews, AI and emerging technology adoption, website design and hosting, cyber security, digital leadership, and much more, with our training and support tailored to all skills levels.

Why train with us

Cosmic brings almost 30 years of experience in digital skills and transformation. We offer inclusive, practical, actionable training and mentoring, trusted by businesses, councils, and charities.

Our tutor-led sessions, delivered by subject matter experts, help learners build confidence, improve digital capabilities, and drive sustainable digital growth.

What we specialise in

Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer



What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeships
-  Supported Apprenticeships
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-  **Skills Bootcamps**
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address Cosmic,
East Devon Business Centre,
Heathpark Way, Heathpark Industrial
Estate, Honiton EX14 1SF

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Email info@cosmic.org.uk

Main contact Emma Moore,
Head of Business Development

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Discovery

Discovery Supported Employment partners with employers across the Southwest to build inclusive workplaces. We help businesses FOC attract diverse talent, improve retention and create supportive environments where autistic people and those with learning disabilities can thrive. We claim Access to Work to offer free workplace job coaching for people in the workplace.

We deliver Access to Work guidance, recruitment support, CPD-accredited disability and neurodiversity training, and CPD-accredited Job Coach training at a special rate for our partners

Why train with us

Discovery has 20 years of experience in supported employment.

We have a diverse team of trainers who are experts with lived experience. We work with national and SME employers to match motivated candidates, deliver workplace job coaching, and upskill staff through our CPD-accredited Disability & Neurodiversity and Job Coach training.

Partnering with us helps businesses build diverse, confident teams and improve retention. CPD-accredited and BASE SEQF-accredited, with a strong track record of supporting inclusive recruitment.

What we specialise in

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Free Courses & Training



What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeships
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Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address The Exchange, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4RR

Telephone 07585 034269

Email supported.employment@discovery-uk.org

Main contact Shona Howes,
Supported Employment Training Manager



Health Sciences University

Health Sciences University is a specialist institution delivering high-quality education, research, and clinical services across allied health professions.

Our unique model integrates multidisciplinary clinical practice with education and research, benefiting students and patients alike. As a trusted system partner, we collaborate across the Integrated Care System to grow and develop the health workforce.

Why train with us

Health Sciences University has a strong reputation for excellence in health sciences education.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, on-site clinical training, and a supportive learning environment.

With access to advanced diagnostic tools and purpose-built clinics, they gain hands-on experience.

We work closely with NHS England regional partners, professional bodies, NHS trusts, primary care networks, local authorities, and the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector.

Be part of a vibrant community made up exclusively of Health Sciences students—immersed, focused, and surrounded by peers who share your passion.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Health & Science**

Continuous Professional Development Courses

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
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-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Bournemouth

Contact details

Address Parkwood Road
Bournemouth BH5 2DF

Telephone 01202 436 200

Email apprenticeships@hsu.ac.uk

Main contact Dr Claire Nadaf ,
Head of Engagement and Partnerships

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Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing is an independent provider that provides high quality L2 & L3 apprenticeships in Veterinary Nursing & Animal Care. Graded Good by Ofsted we achieve high passes in all courses, exceeding national standards. LSVN trains and supports veterinary nurses, animal care assistants and training practices. We offer personalised, individualised teaching via face to face, distance & blended learning and have been training veterinary nurses since 1996

Our team of qualified tutors are either Registered Veterinary Nurses or Veterinary Surgeons with years of clinical experience. We deliver all our face to face theoretical and practical teaching at our centre located in Higher Bockhampton near Dorchester. LSVN supports students from Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Somerset, Bristol and Devon and nationally through distance learning courses at Level 2.

Why train with us

Our aim is to deliver outstanding veterinary nursing and animal care training that inspires our learners to reach both their career and personal aspirations.

We believe in empowering student veterinary nurses and nursing assistants to reach their full potential and equipping them with the foundation to have a progressive, successful and rewarding career.

Through a commitment to education, mentorship, and lifelong learning, we aim to elevate standards of patient care by fostering excellence in veterinary nursing and animal care education.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Health & Science

Continuous Professional Development Courses

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

What we specialise in

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Our training locations

Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address B1 - B3 Hampton Farm Business Park,
Higher Bockhampton, Dorchester DT2 8QH

Telephone 01305 264140

Email school@lsvn.co.uk

Main contact Lisa Bugh,
Joint Head of School



MM Services for Education (MMSE)

MMSE are specialists in SEND training, education and support. We help to engage students with additional educational needs by supplying bespoke support and/or training, augmenting and underpinning work experience or placements, and provide specialist advice.

We also train and educate businesses and organisations on how to support employees with learning difficulties, advise what help is available and put in place training on how to navigate support schemes and funding choices.

We specialise in educational research centring on online, AI and app-based solutions for individuals with learning difficulties including dyslexia, ADHD and ASD.

Why train with us

We work with local authorities, colleges, job centres and employers to advocate for those who are the hardest to reach, or furthest from employment.

We specialise in supporting learning difficulties and neurodiversity across all sectors but our learning provision also focuses on the creative arts.

What we specialise in

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



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Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address c/o Jesters Building, 25 Derby Road,
Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AB

Telephone 0333 33 99 597

Email office@mmse.ltd

Main contact Chris Lawry,
Director



Paragon Skills

Paragon Skills is an award winning, Ofsted-rated 'Good' national apprenticeship provider specialising in adult care. We deliver high quality, flexible apprenticeships from Level 2 to Level 5, supporting roles such as Care Workers, Lead Practitioners and Managers.

Why train with us

Paragon Skills is an Ofsted-rated 'Good' provider, Rated 'Excellent' on Trustpilot with a 4.9/5 rating. We specialise in adult care apprenticeships from Level 2 to 5, offering flexible, high-quality training that fits around your business.

Our expert tutors provide one-to-one support, and our Elevate courses help build confidence, digital skills and knowledge.

With longstanding and successful sector links, we prepare your staff for a rewarding, long-term career in care.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**



paragon skills

What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
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Our training locations

Sedgemoor
Mendip
Somerset West & Taunton
South Somerset

Contact details

Address Unit 1, Station Approach, Ashley Rd,
Bournemouth, BH1 4NB

Telephone 0800 783 2545

Email hello@pgon.co.uk

Main contact Ben Causley,
Marketing Executive

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Professional Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship experts are trained in matching the course to the person. From Software Development to Marketing to Hairdressing, we have the right fit for you.

We offer high quality, flexible training to suit the needs to a business and apprentice. This can be either face to face, online or blended learning.

We offer:

- School Business Professional
- Teaching Assistant
- Multi-Channel Marketer
- Marketing Executive
- Cyber Security Technician
- Software Development Technician
- Data Analyst
- Business Administrator
- Events Assistant
- Associate Project Management
- Customer Service Specialist
- Software Developer
- Information Communication Technician
- Data Technician
- Customer Service Practitioner
- Content Creator
- Hairdressing Professional
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional
- HR support Assistant Level 3
- AI Automation Level 4

Why train with us

If you are looking for the very highest level of apprenticeship training and support, you are in the right place. Pro Apprenticeships (Professional Apprenticeships Ltd) has been known for the high level of training and support it offers apprentices and businesses, recognised by our Ofsted Outstanding Provider rating.

We offer hands-on training with learning, practical experience and education.

For applicants, it is a pathway to a career with earnings from day one.

For employers, it is a strategic investment to cultivate a skilled, loyal workforce.

Apprenticeships offer so much more now than they did and here at Pro Apprenticeships, we've packed them full of quality.



Here's just some of the reasons you should choose us as your apprenticeship provider.

- Multi-award-winning Apprenticeship Provider
- We're an Ofsted Outstanding Provider
- Industry Recognised Skills
- Trusted Professional Standards
- 87% Distinction Rate
- 100% First Time Pass Rate
- Leaders in Safeguarding

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Hair & Beauty
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement

Apprenticeship Units

- AI Leadership — AI Strategy & Opportunity
- AI Leadership — AI Adoption, Procurement & Governance
- AI Leadership — AI Delivery & Organisational Transformation

Skills Bootcamps



What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeships
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
-  Continuous Professional Development Courses
-  T Levels
-  Free Courses & Training
-  Skills Bootcamps
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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South Somerset

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Shoots Training

We offer a whole host of Business Skills Courses including Business Administration, Customer Service and Leadership in management, early years, and teaching assistant

We are flexible in our approach whilst we can deliver these across any business sector we are also able to adapt to fit the needs of your early years setting as well.

Why train with us

Shoots Training are registered OFSTED Good and are Matrix accredited.

We have recently won a 'Sustainability in Apprenticeships Award' and are B Corp Certified.

Shoots Training have over 30 years experience of delivering apprenticeships across various sectors and have trainers available to deliver Business Skills Apprenticeships across the whole country.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Education & Childcare**

Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer



What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
-  Continuous Professional Development Courses
-  T Levels
-  Free Courses & Training
-  **Skills Bootcamps**
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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South Somerset

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South West Association of Training Providers Ltd (Swatpro)

At Swatpro we offer high-quality education, teaching and information, advice, and guidance (CEIAG) to students, adults, businesses, and communities.

Our services create opportunities for employment and skill development through apprenticeships, Bootcamps and adult education programs.

As a not-for-profit and Ofsted-rated GOOD training provider, we are committed to delivering high-quality education, training and support.

Our focus is on helping each individual achieve their personal goals. With a wide range of subjects and qualifications, we offer tailored opportunities to meet your learning needs.

Why train with us

At Swatpro, we help businesses develop skilled, confident teams through high-quality, flexible training.

As an Ofsted-rated GOOD provider with Matrix Standard Accreditation, we deliver programmes that combine industry relevance, practical skills, and measurable impact.

Our training spans AI Practitioner, Business Management, Construction, Hospitality, Health & Social Care, Early Years Education, and Live Arts & Events. From team leadership to childcare and chef training, each programme is designed to meet sector standards and equip learners with workplace-ready skills.

We work with both levy and non-levy employers to create apprenticeship solutions aligned with your strategic goals and operational needs.

Our delivery is flexible, workplace-focused, and tailored – because we know one size doesn't fit all.

Our trainers bring real-world expertise, ensuring learning reflects current practices and regulations.

Whether delivered in the workplace, online, or in person, our programmes are accessible, engaging, and results-driven.

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

Partner with Swatpro to upskill your workforce, boost performance, and achieve a strong return on investment – while helping your people thrive in their careers.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- Catering & Hospitality
- Retail Service, Supply & Administration

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Live Arts & Events

Apprenticeship Units

- AI Leadership — AI Strategy & Opportunity
- AI Leadership — AI Adoption, Procurement & Governance
- AI Leadership — AI Delivery & Organisational Transformation

Skills Bootcamps



What we specialise in

- ✓ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✗ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeship Units
- ✗ Supported Internships
- ✗ Continuous Professional Development Courses
- ✗ T Levels
- ✗ Free Courses & Training
- ✓ Skills Bootcamps
- ✗ Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- ✗ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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Changing lives through learning.

SS&L is a Community Interest Company helping people aged 16+ across the South West build confidence, develop skills and create brighter futures through apprenticeships, programmes for young people and adult learning.

Why train with us

At SS&L, we combine expert-led training with personalised support to help people build confidence, develop skills and create brighter futures.

Working closely with employers, we deliver flexible learning that meets real business needs and develops capable, productive teams.

With exceptional outcomes and a commitment to knowing every learner, we don't just deliver qualifications, we help people achieve more than they thought possible.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Education & Childcare**

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Free Courses & Training





What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeships
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
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-  Continuous Professional Development Courses
-  T Levels
-  Free Courses & Training
-  Skills Bootcamps
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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t2 group is one of the UK's leading providers of Apprenticeships and Diplomas. For over 30 years, we've been helping people build rewarding careers through flexible, work-based learning.

We support more than 6,000 learners each year and work with employers across England to develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed.

Our programmes are designed around real jobs, allowing learners to gain recognised qualifications while developing practical skills.

Why train with us

Rated Good by Ofsted

- Over 30 years of experience in work-based learning
- Flexible learning that fits around work and life
- Dedicated assessors and coaches providing one-to-one support
- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Clear progression pathways from Level 2 to Level 5
- Supporting more than 6,000 learners every year

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

Adult Care Apprenticeships

- **Level 2 Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship**
- **Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship**
- **Level 5 Leader in Adult Care Apprenticeship**

Adult Care Diplomas

- **City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care**
- **City & Guilds Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care**
- **City & Guilds Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Adult Care**



What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
-  Continuous Professional Development Courses
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-  Skills Bootcamps
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Apprenticeships Cont.

Business and Customer Service Apprenticeships

- Level 3 Customer Service Specialist Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship

Our training locations

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South Somerset

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Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy

A unique private training provider based in Somerton, just off the A303, offering programmes within solely construction and engineering.

Train4All offer apprenticeships in Welding, Metal Fabrication and Engineering Fitting via day and block release, and a full-time paid ECTIB Welding and Plating Scholarship is also available with potential to progress onto an apprenticeship.

Training is also available for the nuclear sector including health and safety competency qualifications, skills courses for those leaving the Armed Forces and bespoke training options for local, regional and national employers.

Why train with us

Train4All is a small provider offering employers advice and guidance on how to qualify and grow their workforce. Apprenticeships, Skills Bootcamps and employer-led training programmes offer fantastic development opportunities for new and existing staff.

Through collaborative working, quality training can be delivered to provide employers with a skilled workforce that complies with site requirements for example Health and Safety competency tickets and NVQs. Current projects include qualifying staff and apprentices working with EDF Energy at Hinkley Point C, Cavendish Nuclear, Bylor, Framatome, Enka and many regional employers.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Pipe Welding

Continuous Professional Development Courses

Skills Bootcamps

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

What we specialise in

-  Foundation Apprenticeships
-  **Apprenticeships**
-  Supported Apprenticeships
-  Apprenticeship Units
-  Supported Internships
-  **Continuous Professional Development Courses**
-  T Levels
-  Free Courses & Training
-  **Skills Bootcamps**
-  Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
-  Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

South Somerset

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TOP Training Ltd

TOP Training Ltd, a national provider of apprenticeships and vocational training. Across our three specialist training divisions our expert trainers offer professional training ranging from levels 2 to 7, ensuring that everyone can better themselves and their careers through learning.

With a proven track record, we deliver quality people-led training, enabling front-line staff, managers, leaders, and business owners to reach their full potential. Our teams offer personalised support, expert advice, creativity, and passion throughout the learning journey.

We offer a blended delivery model of face to face and online learning, and some programmes also provide innovative cutting edge workshops

HIT Training - A leading provider in hospitality, catering and retail

Connect2Care - Experts in adult care, healthcare, early years and funeral services

Executive Development Network - Specialists in Management, Leadership and Business Services

Why train with us

All trainers at TOP training have come from a proven industry background and are passionate about giving back.

Our business ethos revolves around people and their growth.

We are dedicated to transforming lives, shaping futures, and creating better income opportunities for our employees, employer partners and learners alike.

Our moral purpose lies in helping everyone we work with to grow and develop, empowering them to reach their full potential in their careers and lives. At TOP Training, we prioritise environmental sustainability to preserve the planet's future.

We embed these principles in our curriculum and business operations, instilling learners with responsible practices and fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among our staff.

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

This approach ensures that we play an active role in safeguarding the well-being and opportunities for the next generation.

We are a multiple award-winning organisation including British Training Awards, Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2024 & 2025 Excellence in English & Maths Skills Development 2025 as well as being OFSTED Grade 2 over multiple inspections.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- Catering & Hospitality
- Health & Social Care

Apprenticeships

- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Education & Childcare
- Funeral Care

The
Opportunity Provider



Since 2006

What we specialise in

- ✓ **Foundation Apprenticeships**
- ✓ **Apprenticeships**
- ✗ **Supported Apprenticeships**
- ✗ **Apprenticeship Units**
- ✗ **Supported Internships**
- ✗ **Continuous Professional Development Courses**
- ✗ **T Levels**
- ✗ **Free Courses & Training**
- ✗ **Skills Bootcamps**
- ✗ **Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)**
- ✗ **Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)**

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
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South Somerset

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UCS College Group

The formation of UCS College Group marks a pivotal moment for Somerset. We are creating a stronger, united force for education, driven by one vision; to transform the lives and communities through learning and partnerships.

As one of the largest college groups in England, UCS College Group is ideally placed to influence and shape educational and economic policies benefitting Somerset; playing a pivotal role in driving initiatives that deliver inward investment, enhance local infrastructures and ensure educational advancements translate into broad-scale economic benefits.

Each College - Bridgwater, Cannington, Strode and Taunton - along with the award-winning University Centre Somerset, will remain embedded in its local community, ensuring that decisions and delivery remain locally informed and responsive whilst leveraging the group's resources and initiatives.

Why train with us

We envision a future where every learner, regardless of their starting point, has access to world-class education and training that opens doors to meaningful careers and fulfilling lives. Through our collective strength and individual expertise, we will drive economic growth, foster innovation, and create lasting positive impact across Somerset and beyond.

Why partner with us?

Access to a Larger Talent Pool: Benefit from the group's extensive training programmes and talent pools, whilst collaborating with local colleges to tailor training that meets specific local industry needs.

Enhanced Partnership Opportunities: Engage in partnerships with a college group that has a significant track record of influencing national education and skills policies that unlock opportunities to deliver skills locally.

Innovation and Growth: Be part of an ambitious, collaborative network that is at the forefront of advancing regional economic interests. The College Group's proven track record in spearheading major regional initiatives showcases its capacity to pilot and scale cutting-edge projects that adapt seamlessly to local needs, fostering sustainable growth and transformation.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- **Construction**
- **Engineering**
- **Digital**
- **Health & Social Care**
- **Business**
- **Hospitality**

Apprenticeship Units

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

Apprenticeships

- Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Care Services
- Catering & Hospitality
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting
- Protective Services
- Sales, Marketing & Procurement
- Transport and Logistics

Supported Apprenticeships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)



What we specialise in

- ✓ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeship Units
- ✓ Supported Internships
- ✓ Continuous Professional Development Courses
- ✓ T Levels
- ✓ Free Courses & Training
- ✓ Skills Bootcamps
- ✓ Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- ✓ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

Sedgemoor
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South Somerset

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Weston College

We help organisations grow talent through flexible onsite, local, and online learning.

Our tutor-supported programmes include tailored recruitment pathways; short, intensive training to create job-ready hires, and award-winning apprenticeships from Level 2 to degree level.

Delivered nationwide, our bespoke training ensures the right skills, knowledge, and cultural fit for your business.

Why train with us

Weston College is an award-winning provider passionate about creating brighter futures. We put learners first, with innovative, tailored training to meet your business needs.

From funded and co-funded programmes to bespoke solutions, we help you recruit talent and upskill staff. Our expert team delivers high-quality training aligned with your goals, supporting growth across your workforce.

What we specialise in

Foundation Apprenticeships

- **Construction**
- **Engineering**
- **Digital**
- **Health & Social Care**

Apprenticeships

- **Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care**
- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering & Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Creative & Design**
- **Digital**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Hair & Beauty**
- **Health & Science**
- **Leadership & Project Management**
- **Legal, Finance & Accounting**
- **Professional Services**
- **Protective Services**
- **Sport**

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer



Supported Apprenticeships

Internships

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

- Agriculture, Environment & Animal Care
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science
- Legal, Finance & Accounting

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

- Mechanical Engineering HNC
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering HNC
- Quantity Surveying BT

What we specialise in

- ✓ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeship Units
- ✓ Supported Internships
- ✓ Continuous Professional Development Courses
- ✓ T Levels
- ✓ Free Courses & Training
- ✓ Skills Bootcamps
- ✓ Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- ✓ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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Yeovil College

Yeovil College partners with 500+ employers, including major regional businesses, to deliver flexible, industry-led training across key sectors.

We offer apprenticeships (Levels 2 to Degree), Apprenticeship Units, T-Levels, Skills Bootcamps, CPD, and bespoke workforce development programmes. Training is delivered online, face-to-face, and blended, tailored to meet business needs. We help employers upskill staff, recruit talent, and shape the future workforce with high-impact, cost-effective solutions.

Why train with us

Yeovil College delivers flexible, results-driven training across key sectors including Construction, Engineering, Digital, Health & Social Care, Business, Education, Hospitality, Hair & Beauty, and Creative Industries.

Apprenticeships are a core strength, with around 1,200 apprentices in training and achievement rates well above the national average.

We offer tailored workforce solutions and hold whole-organisation Matrix accreditation for outstanding advice and guidance.

What we specialise in

Apprenticeships

- **Business & Administration**
- **Care Services**
- **Catering & Hospitality**
- **Construction**
- **Creative & Design**
- **Digital**
- **Education & Childcare**
- **Engineering & Manufacturing**
- **Hair & Beauty**
- **Health & Science**
- **Legal, Finance & Accounting**
- **Transport & Logistics**

Supported Apprenticeships

How we deliver



Online



Face-to-face



Blended Offer

Apprenticeship Units

- Level 5 AI Leadership, covering Adoption, Procurement & Governance, Delivery & Organisational Transformation, and Strategy & Opportunity
- Level 3 Units in EV Charging Installation & Maintenance and Solar PV Installation & Maintenance
- Level 2 Mechanical Fitting & Assembly unit

Supported Internships

Continuous Professional Development Courses

T Levels

- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Creative & Design
- Digital
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering & Manufacturing
- Health & Science

Free Courses & Training

Skills Bootcamps

Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

What we specialise in

- ✓ Foundation Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeships
- ✓ Supported Apprenticeships
- ✓ Apprenticeship Units
- ✓ Supported Internships
- ✓ Continuous Professional Development Courses
- ✓ T Levels
- ✓ Free Courses & Training
- ✓ Skills Bootcamps
- ✗ Sector-based Work Academy Programme (SWAP)
- ✓ Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQ's)

Our training locations

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The Network for Inspired Learning

Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network Ltd (DSTPN) is a company limited by guarantee with a membership consisting of fee paying members who are training organisations, colleges, employers and stakeholder bodies working in the post-16 education and training sector.

The network vision is to encourage and support providers to operate in a culture of collaborative working for the benefit of member organisations, whilst continually enhancing the experience, learning and achievement of learners and meeting employer and community needs.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about DSTPN, are interested in becoming a member or would like to be included in the 2027/28 edition of the Provider Directory, please contact us:



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Dorset and Somerset Training Provider Network

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