

T LEVELS
GUIDE FOR
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T LEVELS AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE

We will be offering T Levels in the following subject areas from September 2025.

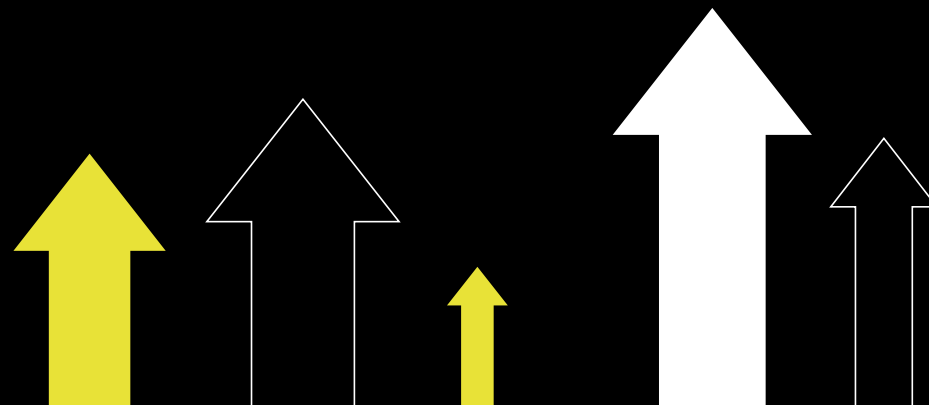
-  Animal Care and Management
-  Business Management and Finance
-  Construction
-  Craft and Design
-  Digital
-  Education and Early Years
-  Engineering and Manufacturing
-  Health and Healthcare Science
-  Media, Broadcast and Production.

These subject areas have been chosen not only to give a wide variety of choice to our students but also to align with anticipated high demand skill areas for Greater Manchester and the wider North West region in the coming years.

- ⬆️ 2 Year Programme
- ⬆️ Equivalent To 3 A Levels
- ⬆️ Minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement

T Levels are a two year technical programme that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement. After completing the course students can progress directly into work or further study.

The Manchester College is delighted to be successfully delivering T Levels since 2021, offering our students a new and exciting path for them to start their journey to industry excellence.



WHO CAN STUDY A T LEVEL?

T Levels can be studied by any young person aged 16-18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

T Levels are a great option for young people who want to progress to industry, university or higher education after college.

If you are interested in studying a T Level then you will need to meet the entry requirements for the course you want to study, as well as attend our Jump Start to T Levels programme.

You can find the course details and entry requirements for each of our T Levels on our website at tmc.ac.uk

If you don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a T Level Foundation Year, which will then allow you to move on to a T Level the following year and gain a qualification at the same time*. Additionally you may still be accepted on a T Level if you successfully complete the Jump Start to T Levels programme and interview regardless of achieved grades.

JUMP START TO T LEVELS

Both our T Levels and T Levels Foundation Year programmes require completion of our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement. The programme is an introduction to our T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes where students can meet their teachers and experience what learning at The Manchester College is like. Students will take part in a project based learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.



**Subject to meeting the course requirements to progress onto a T Level.*

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A T LEVEL AND AN APPRENTICESHIP?

If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

This is reversed for an apprenticeship where you would typically spend 80% of your time in employment and 20% in the classroom.

If you're interested in finding out more about apprenticeships or would like to go down this route, then Total People, our dedicated apprenticeship provider and sister organisation, will be able to help. You can visit totalpeople.co.uk for more information.

WILL UNIVERSITIES ACCEPT STUDENTS THAT HAVE A T LEVEL?

Yes they will. While T Levels will prepare you to progress into a career, you can also choose to continue onto university to take a degree. If you don't want to move straight into a job, other options are also available to you including undertaking further technical training such as a Higher Apprenticeship. Upon successful completion of our T Level courses you will be guaranteed progression to a higher education course at UCEN Manchester.

HOW ARE T LEVELS GRADED?

The grading system, and relevant UCAS tariff points, can be seen in the table below

T Level grade	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit	Pass (C or above on the core)	Pass (D or E on the core)
A Level equivalent grade	A* A* A*	AAA	BBB	CCC	DDD
UCAS tariff points	168	144	120	96	72

ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Animal Management and Science

Wythenshawe | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in animal care and management.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Animal Care Worker
- ↗ Animal Technician
- ↗ Assistance Dog Trainer
- ↗ Zoo Keeper.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Animal Care

Wythenshawe | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Animal Management and Science.



BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Accounting

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in finance.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Accounting Technician
- ↗ Finance Officer
- ↗ Payroll Administrator
- ↗ Payroll Manager.

Level 3 | T Level | Business Management and Administration

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in management and administration.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Admin Assistant
- ↗ Office Manager
- ↗ Personal Assistant
- ↗ Secretary.

Level 3 | T Level | Finance

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in a career in finance.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Financial Services Customer Adviser
- ↗ Credit Controller
- ↗ Insurance Underwriter
- ↗ Bank Manager.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Business Management and Finance

City Campus Manchester | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to one of our Level 3 T Levels in Business Management and Finance.

CONSTRUCTION

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in electric installation and maintenance.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Building Services Engineer
- ↗ Domestic Appliance Service Engineer
- ↗ Electrician
- ↗ Electrical Engineering Technician.

Level 3 | T Level | Design Surveying and Planning for Construction (Civil Engineering or Construction and the Built Environment pathway)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in surveying and design or civil engineering. You will choose which pathway to specialise in.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Building Technician
- ↗ Civil Engineering Technician
- ↗ Technical Surveyor
- ↗ Town Planning Assistant.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation)

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation).

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Design and Surveying (Built Environment)

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to one of our Level 3 T Levels in Design Surveying and Planning for Construction.

CRAFT AND DESIGN

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Ceramics Maker

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the craft and design sector, specifically ceramics.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Ceramics Maker
- ↗ Senior Ceramics Designer.

Level 3 | T Level | Jewellery

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the craft and design sector, specifically jewellery.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Jewellery Designer
- ↗ Jewellery Maker.

Level 3 | T Level | Textiles and Fashion Maker

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the craft and design sector, specifically textiles and fashion.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Dressmaker
- ↗ Fashion Design Assistant
- ↗ Tailor
- ↗ Wardrobe Assistant.



DIGITAL

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Digital Business Services

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in IT, specifically in areas such as IT solutions or data analysis.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Data Analyst - Statistician
- ↗ Market Research Data Analyst.

Level 3 | T Level | Digital Production, Design and Development

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in software production and design.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Software Developer
- ↗ Web Designer.

Level 3 | T Level | Digital Support Services

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in digital infrastructure and support.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ IT Support Technician
- ↗ Network Administrator.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Cyber Skills for the Digital Age

City Campus Manchester | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to one of our Level 3 T Levels in Digital.

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in early years education or assisting teaching.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Learning Mentor
- ↗ Teaching Assistant
- ↗ Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant.

Level 3 | T Level | Education and Early Years (Early Years Educator)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in early years education or childcare.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Nursery Practitioner
- ↗ Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator
- ↗ Team Leader.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Working in Early Years and Primary Settings

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Levels in Education and Early Years.



ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering pathway)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in design and development in engineering and manufacturing. You will choose which pathway to specialise in.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ CAD Technician
- ↗ Electrical Engineer
- ↗ Engineering Consultant
- ↗ Mechanical Engineer.

Level 3 | T Level | Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Light and Electric Vehicles)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in maintenance, installation and repair of vehicles in the automotive industry.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Auto-electrician
- ↗ Motor Mechanic
- ↗ Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer
- ↗ Vehicle Body Repairer.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Electrical Engineering

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Vehicle Fitting Principles (sponsored by Moffats)

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Light and Electric Vehicles).

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

Courses

Level 3 | Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in health, specifically adult nursing and care.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Ambulance Care Assistant
- ↗ Emergency Care Assistant
- ↗ Nurse.

Level 3 | T Level | Science (Laboratory Sciences)

Openshaw | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in science.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ↗ Technical Support Scientist
- ↗ Laboratory Technician.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Health and Social Care

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Health (Assisting Adult Nursing).

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Science

Openshaw | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Levels in Science (Laboratory Sciences).



MEDIA, BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION

Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Events Production

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the media, broadcast or production sector, specifically events production.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ⬆️ Audio Visual Technician
- ⬆️ Light Technician
- ⬆️ Stagehand
- ⬆️ Studio Sound Engineer.

Level 3 | T Level | Media, Broadcast and Production (Content Creation and Production)

City Campus Manchester | Two Years

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the media, broadcast or production sector, specifically content creation and production.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a higher apprenticeship or study a university degree. This could lead to a career in a roles such as:

- ⬆️ Radio Broadcast Assistant
- ⬆️ TV or Film Production Assistant
- ⬆️ TV or Film Assistant Director
- ⬆️ Video Editor.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Performing and Production Arts (Technical Theatre)

City Campus Manchester | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Events Production.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Creative Media Skills

City Campus Manchester | One Year

Upon successful completion of the Foundation Year, students can progress on to our Level 3 T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production (Content Creation and Production).

THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE T AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of benefits that includes:

- ⬆️ £300 per year bursary*
- ⬆️ Curriculum based incentives
- ⬆️ Free branded work wear
- ⬆️ Opportunity to take part in collegewide competitions
- ⬆️ Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- ⬆️ Access to industry standard laptop* (as appropriate)
- ⬆️ Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester
- ⬆️ Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- ⬆️ Minimum 45-day industry placement
- ⬆️ Digital upskilling
- ⬆️ Master classes
- ⬆️ And much more.

**Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.*

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit tmc.ac.uk to apply online to any of the Level 3 T Level and Level 2 Foundation Year programmes.

To find out more about T Levels visit our Industry Excellence Academy website: industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels

You can also hear from our students on what it's like to study a T Level at The Manchester College by watching our case study videos on our T Level You Tube playlist. Scan the QR code below to watch.





EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners.

This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.

To find out more about T Levels and our wide range of vocational courses please visit tmc.ac.uk

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