

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION





INTRODUCING TEVELS: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

→ EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS 1 2 YEAR PROGRAMME 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 have been delivering this new technical qualification since 2021, offering our students a new and exciting path for them to start their journey to industry excellence. From September 2023 The Manchester College will be offering T Levels in our Industry Excellence Academy in ten subject areas.

Business Management and Finance	Business Management and Admin in partnership with Lloyds Banking Group			
Construction	Building Services Engineering for Construction (Electrical Installation)			
	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction			
	On-site Construction (Carpentry and Joinery)			
Craft and Design	Ceramics Maker			
	Textiles and Fashion Maker			
Digital	Digital Business Services in partnership with Lloyds Banking Group			
	Digital, Production, Design and Development in partnership with Silverchip			
	Digital Support Services in partnership with IDT			
Education and Childcare	Education and Childcare (Assisting Teaching)			
	Education and Childcare (Educating Early Years)			
Engineering and Manufacturing	Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing			
	Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control			
	Maintenance Installation and Repair (Vehicles)			
Hair and Beauty	Beauty Therapy			
	Hairdressing			
Health and Healthcare Science	Health (Assisting Adult Nursing)			
	Healthcare Science (Assisting Healthcare Science) in partnership with The University of Manchester			
	Science (Laboratory Science) in partnership with The University of Manchester			
Hospitality and Catering	Professional Cookery			
Media, Broadcast and Production	Media, Broadcast and Production: Content Creation 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.

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).

If you are interested in taking a T Level you will need to achieve the below entry requirements, as well as attend our Jump Start to T Levels programme.

Subject Area	Entry requirements for T Levels
Business Management and Finance	Applicants must have 5 GCSEs including Grade 4 and above in English and maths A previous qualification in Business is desirable. You'll take part in an interview as part of the application process.
Construction	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above and this must include English and maths at Grade 6 or above and science at Grade 5 or above. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
	Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths.
Craft and Design	Attend an interview with a portfolio of work demonstrating skills, knowledge and dedication in Art, Craft and Design, Fashion and Textile Design.
Digital	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 and above in English and maths., A previous qualification in digital is desirable. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Education and Childcare	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 or above in English and maths. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Fusing suits	Applicants must have 5 GCSE's including Grade 6 or above in English and maths, and a Grade 5 or above in science.
Engineering and Manufacturing	For our T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Vehicles), applicants must possess a GCSE Grade 4 in either maths or English with the other at GCSE Grade 3 and, preferably, a science GCSE at Grade 4.
	All applicants will also take part in an interview as part of the application process.
Hair and Beauty	Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including a Grade 4 or above in English and maths.
Health and Healthcare Science	Applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Grade 4 or above in English, maths and science. Applicants will also be required to undergo an interview as part of the application process.
Hospitality and Catering	Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including a Grade 4 or above in English and maths.
Media, Broadcast and Production	Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including a Grade 4 or above in English and maths.

If you don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a one-year Transition Programme, 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.

TRANSITION PROGRAMMES

We offer the following T Level Transition Programmes as part of our Industry Excellence Academy

Business Management and Finance	Business Administration and Finance		
	Building Services Engineering (Electrical Installation)		
Construction	Design and Surveying (Built Environment)		
	On-site Construction (Carpentry and Joinery)		
Craft and Dosign	Ceramics		
Craft and Design	Textiles and Fashion		
Digital	Cyber Skills for the Digital Age in partnership with T Level employers		
Education and Childcare	Education and Childcare (Work in Early Years and Primary Settings)		
Engineering and Manufacturing	Engineering and Manufacturing		
Engineering and Manufacturing	Vehicle Fitting Principles sponsored by Wynn's		
Hair and Beauty	Beauty Therapy		
Hair dilu beduty	Hairdressing		
Health and Healthcare Science	Health and Science		
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Hospitality and Catering	Professional Cookery		
Media, Broadcast and Production	Creative Media Production and Technology		

JUMP START TO T LEVELS

Both T Levels and Transition Programmes require completion of our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement. The programme is an introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Levels and T Level Transition 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.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AT 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.



IS A T LEVEL RIGHT FOR ME?

If you are moving on from your GCSE studies and want to develop your skills to obtain a qualification that is linked directly to a future career, then a T Level might be for you.

T Levels are ideal for you if you would enjoy a practical approach to your studies, including a minimum 315 hours (approx 45 days) industry placement.

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

T LEVELS AT THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE: DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE

The Manchester College has a reputation for delivering exceptional vocational and technical training that helps students on their journey to amazing.

We passionately believe in helping you to reach your ultimate goal, focussing on your future employability and developing the technical and professional skills you need to have a successful career.

Everything we do, from the courses we offer, the advice and support we provide and the industry placements we will help you to secure, is about preparing you for industry and helping you to take the steps you need to secure your first job in your dream career.



To help us achieve this we have developed a wide variety of partnerships with employers and businesses. This has not only enabled our students to gain invaluable workplace experience but also shaped our course offerings to ensure that, after completing their courses, our students have all the skills they need to go on to a rewarding and successful career.

This experience means that we are ideally placed to deliver an exceptional technical education and have everything in place to ensure that you can excel when you opt to study a T Level in one of our Industry Excellence Academies. Our expert tutors and dedicated employability team will provide real opportunities to develop your skills helping you to stand out from the crowd.

What's more, when you choose to study a T Level at The Manchester College you will be coming to a college that is both rated Good by Ofsted in all areas and is the number one for college achievement in Greater Manchester.

That's why we consistently meet our aspiration to ensure that our students are successful on their journey to amazing.



Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level Programme 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 college-wide 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 (T Levels)
- ⚠ Minimum 45-day industry placement
- 1 Digital upskilling
- And much more

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HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit tmc.ac.uk to apply online to any of the Level 3 T Levels and Level 2 Transition Programmes.

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



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



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







