

L4 HNC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (HTQ)

Subject Area
Student Type
Study Mode

Construction &
Construction Trades
Students aged 16-18
Part Time

What is the course about?

HNC Construction Management (HTQ) opens up an exciting world of opportunity, empowering you for the future. This higher level course is ideal if you are seeking a career in the construction industry, are looking to take the next step in your current construction role, or you wish to progress to university to complete your degree or undertake a degree apprenticeship.

The HNC in Construction Management will develop your knowledge, skills, and understanding of the construction industry to support your career progression. This includes problem solving, design, planning, and building.

At the end of the course, you will achieve a Level 4 HNC Construction Management for England qualification. It is studied full time over one year, attending college two days per week.

Why should I choose the course?

The HNC in Construction Management for England is a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), a Level 4 qualification that sits between A levels/T Levels and a university degree. It's designed to help you gain advanced, real-world skills and progress in your construction career quickly and effectively.

This construction management course has been developed in close collaboration with employers and industry professionals to ensure it reflects current and future sector demands. You'll learn work-ready skills, professional behaviours, and technical knowledge that employers are actively looking for in construction and project management roles.

With a strong emphasis on practical, industry-focused learning, this course prepares you to enter or advance in roles across the construction sector, such as site management, project coordination, or building control. Whether you're starting out or upskilling, the HNC offers a solid foundation for a wide range of construction-related careers or further academic progression.

This course is ideal for those seeking a career in construction management, wanting to gain professional recognition, and aiming to boost employability within a growing industry.

What will I learn?

Over the year you will develop skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- The Construction Environment
- Construction Technology
- Legal and Statutory Requirements in Construction
- Surveying, Measuring & Setting-out
- Construction Design Project (Pearson-set)
- Digital Applications for Building Information Modelling



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- Financial Management & Business Practices in Construction
- Supervision & Operations

Units will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods including, projects, portfolios, presentations, case studies, reports, and a research project. Alternative assessment methods may be used where appropriate.

We do not guarantee that a non-mandatory unit will always run in any given academic year as options may be dependent on student numbers, sector requirements, and staff expertise.

What will the course lead on to?

The Level 4 HNC Construction Management provides a solid grounding in Construction, Vendor Accredited Certification, and Professional Body membership, upon which students can build should they decide to continue their studies beyond the certificate stage. Students can also progress on to a HND in construction, or to university to complete a related degree. A typical student who chooses this course is aspiring to be a:

- Architect
- Mechanical/ Electrical Designer
- Project Manager
- Quantity Surveyor
- Site Manager/ Supervisor
- Health & Safety Manager
- Estimator
- Engineer

Typical student destinations include progression to The University of Salford and Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) to study their chosen path in construction such as a BSc Hons in Quantity Surveying, BSc Hons in Project Management, or BSc Hons in Construction Management, plus much more.

Are there any links with industry and university?

The HNC Construction Management for England is a higher education course that enhances employability outcomes. It is an excellent choice if you are looking to boost your employability skills and will provide you with a direct route into a career in the construction industry.

To inform the curriculum design, tutors have strong working relationships with a construction based steering group making sure that course content is relevant and current. Furthermore, the construction team at Warrington & Vale Royal college have strong connections to both local and nationwide employers such as Caddick Construction (NW) Ltd, MJS Engineering Consultants Ltd, SN Estimation Services Ltd, and Byrne Civil Solutions.

What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a Wellbeing Team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college. For personalised advice on funding, please contact our Learner Services Team on 01925 494 400 or email learner.services@wvr.ac.uk.



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Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

As a HNC Construction Management student, you will study in our brand-new Construction & Civil Engineering Academy (CCEA), providing you with access to all of the latest construction technologies. We have highly experienced staff who will support you as you develop the essential skills needed to flourish in future progression opportunities.

Studying HNC Construction Management provides access to higher level education, such as the completion of a degree or undertaking a higher level apprenticeship, and is typically timetabled over two days per week to provide flexibility undertaking work experience and managing employment commitments. It is expected that students will complete work outside of the classroom for assignments and independent research.

What are the entry requirements?

You will typically have one of the following:

- A BTEC Level 3 or other Level 3 qualification in a related subject, minimum MPP or MM
- A T Level with an overall grade of Pass
- A minimum of two A-Levels (A2), with one in a related subject at grade C or above
- Access to HE with relevant options

AND

- GCSE English (Language or Literature): A to C* or 9 to 4
- GCSE Maths: A to C* or 9 to 4.

For Non-Native English Speakers

If you have not completed your final two years of schooling in English, you must demonstrate English language capability equivalent to the following levels before being enrolled on the course:

- CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) level B2
- IELTS score of 5.5 (with 5.5 in both reading and writing).

Additional Considerations

We welcome applications from mature students who have:

- Appropriate work experience in a related sector or role
- Professional qualifications in a related industry.

Application Process

- All HNC/HND courses require:
- Completion of a personal statement prior to being invited for an admissions interview
- You must also provide one reference from one of the following:
- A previous course leader or teacher (if progressing from recent education)
- A recent or current employer



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- An appropriate professional able to provide a character reference (if you haven't been in recent education or employment).

What are my funding options?

Students applying to study on a Higher Education course can apply for a HE student loan at <http://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

For more information about financial support, please visit: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

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Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

The college provides all students with £3 print credit - any further printing will incur a cost.

Students would benefit from having access to a personal computer and will need broadband access with a reliable connection.

Guidance on the latest version of relevant software will be provided by your course leader.

There may be an option to attend a range of national trips.



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