

LEVEL 2 GROUNDWORKER APPRENTICESHIP

Subject Area

Student Type

Study Mode

Construction &

Construction Trades

Students aged 16-18

Part Time

What is the course about?

Groundworkers are the first trade onto a construction and civil engineering site and they work closely with supervisors and engineers in interpreting design specifications to prepare the site ready for the structural building works to take place.

They continue their work throughout the construction phase, working with all on-site construction trades, such as bricklayers and plant operatives, up to and including the final completion activities of the project.

Their work includes setting out and preparing the sub-surfaces ready for the structural work to begin, installing drainage systems, concreting, constructing roads and pathways and carrying out the finished hard landscaping.

Groundworkers are able to transfer between heavy construction and civil engineering sites as well as house building, commercial building and general building sites. Groundworkers work for all types of construction companies from small subcontractors to large main contractors.

Why should I choose the course?

Hands-On Experience: You'll gain practical skills and experience on the job, which is invaluable in the construction industry.

Earning While Learning: Apprenticeships allow you to earn a wage while you learn, reducing the financial burden of education.

Industry Demand: There is a high demand for skilled groundworkers, ensuring job security and opportunities for advancement.

Specialisation: You can specialise in areas such as excavation, concreting, or utility installation, becoming an expert in your chosen field.

Further Qualifications: Apprenticeships often lead to further qualifications, enhancing your career prospects.

Supervisory Roles: With experience, you can progress to supervisory or managerial positions, overseeing projects and teams.

Self-Employment: Many groundworkers eventually start their own businesses, offering services as contractors.

What will I learn?

Technology including key factors and systems of work appropriate to different work environments and industry sectors (e.g. civil engineering, private residential, commercial) The differences between modern and traditional construction methods and the physical and environmental factors when undertaking construction work and their potential impacts The techniques to handle and move loads manually and with mechanical aids including guiding the movement of articulated vehicles, plant and machinery using hand signals, hand signalling equipment and verbal/electronic communication equipment and storing resources safely and securely Why, when and how health and safety control equipment should be used when undertaking groundworks (e.g. personal



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protective equipment (PPE) The principles and methods of working within confined space work Erecting and dismantling access/working platforms Establishing work area protection Locating and excavating to expose buried utility services Providing temporary works including excavation support The basic principles of internal/external drainage and ducting systems Measuring, marking, cutting and installing geo membranes to stabilise soil Gauging, mixing, placing, compacting and finishing mortars and concrete by hand and by mixer Reinstating excavations and ground surface finishes including installing street ironwork

How is the apprenticeship delivered?

Apprentices will attend college one day per week for one academic year and complete the remaining training on site.

What will the course lead on to?

Progression on to a specific level 3 trade area or alternatively onto a higher apprenticeship in construction or civil engineering.

Are there any links with industry and university?

Warrington & Vale Royal College has a long history of delivering bespoke, high-quality apprenticeships across a wide range of sectors. We take pride in our apprentices and ensure they leave us with the skills they need to forge a career in their chosen industry. We work with all manner of employers to ensure all parties' interests are met throughout the apprenticeship journey. We also have a dedicated apprenticeship matching service which matches your skills to a suitable apprenticeship employer.

What support is available?

You will be allocated a designated apprentice coach to guide you through your apprenticeship. We also have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a welfare team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

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

We are one of the top-performing further education colleges for apprenticeships. Over nine in ten of our apprentices continue in employment or receive a promotion once they have completed their apprenticeship. We also have a dedicated apprenticeship matching service which matches your skills to a suitable apprenticeship employer. The college is dedicated to supporting you on-programme and helping you progress on to the next step.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme are GCSE grades 9-4, or level 2 functional skills qualifications in English and maths. We will consider those who need to resit either their English or maths qualification, however those that need to resit both will not meet the entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme.

If you are required to resit either English or maths, you will be invited to undertake an initial assessment. If deemed suitable, you must be willing to achieve your level 2 English/maths qualification before the end of the apprenticeship programme as part of your study.



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