



# SNC APPRENTICESHIP STUDENT GUIDE

## Why Should You Become an Apprentice?

If you're ready to enter the world of work, as well as gain qualifications that employers look for, you can get the best of both worlds with an Apprenticeship at Suffolk New College.

Whether you're leaving school, already in employment or looking to start a new career, the College offers Apprenticeships in a range of industries from Catering to Plumbing and Hairdressing to IT.

Whatever you're looking for, we aim to provide you with quality training and a great experience of a working environment.

85% of apprentices (all age) included in the Apprentice Learner Survey 2014 said their ability to do the job had improved.

83% said career prospects had improved.

Higher apprentices could earn £150,000 more on average over their lifetime compared to those with Level 3 vocational qualifications.

The lifetime benefits associated with the acquisition of Apprenticeships are significant:

between £48,000 and £74,000 for Level 2;

between £77,000 and £117,000 for Level 3.



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## How to apply?

At any one time on Find an apprenticeship, in a variety of careers and industries across England, there are between 12,000 - 20,000 apprenticeships vacancies online available at [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship). You can search by keyword (job role, occupation type or apprenticeship level) and by location. In addition, some employers advertise vacancies on their website. Once the right job comes up, simply register on the website and follow the step by step instructions to apply for the role.

Earn while you learn!

Discover the best of both worlds! As an Apprentice you will reap the rewards of being both an employee and a student.

- **Earn a salary:** Apprentices undertake real jobs for real employers. For the latest information on apprenticeship pay please visit the Apprenticeships website
- **Learn job specific skills:** As well as earning a wage, Apprentices will gain a nationally recognised qualification
- **Paid holidays:** Like all other employees you will be given paid holiday
- **Student discount:** As an Apprentice, you will be entitled to an NUS Extra card which offers you the same discounts and benefits as other students
- **Student life:** You will experience College as well as working for your employer.

## Finding the Right Level

No matter what your starting point, we will find the right Apprenticeship to suit you and provide the support you need to progress through your training. There are three levels of Apprenticeships you can apply for at the College, depending on your current skills and qualifications. Each level will include an NVQ, a knowledge-based qualification and Functional Skills. Intermediate (Level 2) An Intermediate qualification is the equivalent to five good GCSE passes. Advanced (Level 3) An Advanced qualification is the equivalent to two A-Level passes. To start an advanced Apprenticeship you should have 5 GCSEs at grade C or above or have completed an Intermediate Apprenticeship. Higher (Level 4) Higher Apprenticeships are the equivalent to a Foundation Degree, which could lead you to senior job roles or university.

## What you can get out of your apprenticeship

The majority of employers want to hold on to their Apprentices, in fact a statistic from the National Apprenticeship Service says that 85% of apprentices remain with their employer in a full-time position after they have finished their training. Even if this is not the case, you will still have gained a nationally recognised vocational qualification and all the skills you will need to go out in to the world of employment.

If you complete an Advanced Apprenticeship, it can also lead to a University place or another Higher Education course!

For more information on becoming an apprentice, contact:

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