



# CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Course Mode	Full-time
Location	Milnthorpe Road Campus (MRC)
Duration	1 Year
Level	1



## Course Overview

This course will offer you an excellent foundation in carpentry and joinery and the building industry and will give you the necessary skills and knowledge to progress on to the Level 2 carpentry and joinery course. This course usually takes place over 3 days per week.

Skills gained on the course that can be transferable to other trade areas include: measuring and application of number, problem solving skills and communicating with different people within a working environment.

The Construction department regularly competes in the construction skills competition with some very promising wins and most recently a national finalist. The facilities are state of the art and the teaching staffs have a combined knowledge of nearly 50 years in the local area ranging from site and bench joinery to boat building!

Recent trips have included local builders merchants, building sites and a trip to Austria to the Felder factor. Industry professionals and experts come and give talks to the students on the ever changing face of carpentry and joinery technology. These have included Ged Maloney the technical representative from Leitz and Richard Howson the CEO of Carillion - the multinational building contractor who built the 5\* hotel in the middle of the Dubai Formula 1 racecourse!

Kendal college construction department works closely with industry experts from across many sectors. We have recently hosted an employer engagement event where we had 6 national companies come and talk to local employers about their latest innovations within the industry. This benefits the students through the increased knowledge of the lecturers and the delivery of the subjects that are key for today's and tomorrow's joiners and carpenters.

The course offers a sound basic knowledge of the building industry, including:

- Health, safety and welfare in construction technical information
- Quantities and communication
- Construction technology
- Construction of basic joinery products
- Maintenance
- Use of carpentry and joinery hand tools

Practical sessions will cover basic joint construction in the form of projects, design and manufacture and industry standard practices.

Students are taught in small dynamic groups of around 10-15 learners at a time by skilled industry professionals. Learners are assessed on practical skills and these are then developed in the workshop environments. In the classroom the learner's level of ability dictates the speed and content of the lesson. We have in class assistants available to offer anyone help should they require it.

This course will be part of a wider study programme, which may also include English & Maths, work placement and additional studies.

You will be assessed by practical assessments, written assignments, oral questioning at the end of each practical assessment, multi choice unit end tests.

Some home study will be required on this course.

Continual assessment is made of both theoretical and practical work, giving the opportunity for candidates to demonstrate a range of practical competencies in the workplace (college based simulation) against industry standard.

## Entry Requirements

You will need two GCSEs at Grade 2 or above, including English or Maths.

## After your course

The wide variety of skills required by the construction industry means there is an interesting range of career opportunities available. You could be working in the office or outdoors, but both will mean that you are working in an environment that is always changing. Progression opportunities from Level 1 full-time would be onto a Level 2 programme within Carpentry and Joinery or a level 2 apprenticeship. Students have moved from a full time programme to go onto work with local employers such as Russell Armer Ltd, Lowther and Dawson construction and LB joinery.

## Fees

Course fees are per year. The current fee information is related to the 2019/20 academic year and is subject to change before the start of the course. Fees for 2020/21 will be updated in the Spring Term. There may also be additional costs associated with the course.

**This course is funded by the government and may be free if you are:**

- Aged 16-18 on 31/08/19
- Aged 19-23 on an Entry Level or Level 1 course with intent to progress to a Level 2 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first full Level 2 or Level 3 course
- Aged 19-23 on your first Level 4 course (if you haven't already got a Level 3 qualification)
- Aged 19+ on Functions Skills or GCSE English or Maths
- Unemployed and in receipt of JSA/ESA(WRAG)/Universal Credit or another eligible state benefit on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course
- Member of a low income household & in financial hardship on an Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 course