



# CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Course Mode	Full-time
Location	Milnthorpe Road Campus (MRC)
Duration	1 Year
Level	3



## Course Overview

The Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry and Bench Joinery has been designed to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding of learners, enabling them to work within their chosen craft. You will be given a choice of which career route you wish to take on induction (Bench or Site). 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 will cover:

- Health, safety and welfare
- Manufacturing & assembling components and setting out (Bench Joinery Route)
- First fix and second fix, structural carassing, and flooring and roofing (Site Joinery Route)

The course is made up of 60% practical work and 40% theory. Your practical studies will take place in purpose built workshops and the theory sessions will underpin your practical work by covering Health & Safety, Trade Technology and other related subjects.

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.

The assessment requirements set for this qualification are multiple choice knowledge tests and practical assignments. The multiple choice tests are externally set and learners can choose one of four possible answers. The tests cover the learning outcomes for each unit and measures that they have been met by the learners.

Practical assignments have been developed for each individual unit, which gives the learner the flexibility to complete the task in the manner which best suits them. They are designed to be taken within a simulated construction environment, away from the distractions experienced on a real site.

All of our learners will be given support with their English and Maths skills where relevant to their main course. Those students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 (or C) at GCSE in these subjects will continue to work towards these important qualifications at a level suited to them. However, students will still have to achieve the stated Entry Requirements before they start the course.

## Entry Requirements

A Level 2 Diploma in a related subject, or equivalent.

NB: Enrolment on this course is dependent on meeting the Entry Requirements stated above.

## 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.

## 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