

CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (GAMES DEVELOPMENT) BTEC Extended Diploma

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Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
Creative Media Production (Games Development)	BTEC Extended Diploma	Level 3	BTEC edexcel

Course Summary

This BTEC level 3 National in Creative Media Production gives the students the opportunity to specialise through an endorsed pathway of Games Development. It is designed to provide a clear pathway to a University degree in an appropriate vocational discipline or to a Foundation Degree. It is a 2 year course comprising of 19 individual units which leads to a qualification equivalent to 3 'A' levels up to Distinction * The aim is to provide the learner with the opportunity to develop a range of industry standard skills and practices in an environment that is dynamic and conducive to learning.

How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 19 units each of which is assessed by a range of methods. Each unit will be made up of a written assessment supplemented by role play, presentations, discussions, Digital Artwork, 2D/3D Animations, 2D/3D Games and practical activities.

Entry Requirements

The course is designed to accommodate learners from all backgrounds with suitable entry requirements (5 GCSE's at C and above including Maths and English). It also caters for a broad spectrum of special needs such as Aspergers, Autism & Deafness.

How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetable will consist of 19 diploma units, group and individual tutorials and Functional Skills (?).

How is the course taught?

There is a variety of methods including visiting speakers, formal lectures and practical sessions. Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team.

Where is the course taught?

Bromsgrove

Who is this course suitable for?

Anyone with an interest in Computer Games Development.

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials (Pens, Pencils, Rubbers, Rulers), for the creation of storyboards and sketches throughout all units. A portable hard drive would also be an asset.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

To cover day trips, there is a cost of £35 per student (non-refundable).

What are the mandatory modules or units?

- Pre-production techniques for creative media industry
- Communication skills for creative media production
- Research techniques for the media industry
- Creative media production management project
- Working to a brief in the creative media industries
- Critical approaches to media products
- Understanding the computer games industry
- Computer games platforms & technologies

Specialist Units

- 3d Modelling
- 3d Animation
- 3d Environments
- Computer game engines
- Object-oriented design for computer games
- Computer game design
- Sound for computer games
- Computer game story development
- Flash for computer games
- Digital graphics for computer games
- Digital video production for imedia

What can I do after this course?

Students achieving the full qualification may progress onto the Foundation Degree in Games and Interactive Media here at Newcollege for a further 2 years. From this Foundation Degree students can then 'top up' for a further year to a full Bachelor of Science Honors Degree at Wolverhampton University. Students could also progress to a University degree in an appropriate vocational discipline at any University in England.

What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and experience developed within the course can be useful when seeking employment in any part of the Games and Interactive Media Industries.

How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete an application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.