

Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
ICT System Support	BTEC National Extended Diploma	Level 3	Edexcel

Course Summary

This is a two year full-time Level 3 course to develop your problem solving skills, improve your understanding in computing and to specialise in the following;

- Software Development
- ICT System Support

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by means of coursework tasks, assignments and test/s. Inclusion of tests depends on the unit being studied. Successful completion of an individual unit of study will be graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Entry Requirements

You should normally be aged 16 years or over.

You will need either:

At least five GCSE subjects, at grade C or higher, including both Mathematics and English.

Or

Successful completion of a City and Guilds Level 2 IT System Support at Distinction level, together with Functional Skills, Numeracy and Communication at level 2.

Mature students, over 20 years of age, may be exempt from this requirement on ground of experience.

How much time will I spend on the course?

You will study 9 units in the first year and 9 units in the second year. You are required to attend 16 hours per week for completion of each unit including group and individual tutorials.

How is the course taught?

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

Where is the course taught?

Bromsgrove Campus

Who is this course suitable for?

This course is intended for those who are interested in developing IT skills in Programming and Computer Technology.

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials and USB stick.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

No academic fees for age 16-18.

What are the mandatory modules or units?

There are 18 units over two years. In the year one, the following units are studied (C indicates Core Unit)

- Communication & Employability Skills for IT (C)
- Information System (C)
- Computer Systems (C)
- Communication Technologies
- Installing and Upgrading Software
- Software Design and Development (C)
- Event Driven Programming (C)
- Website Production
- Digital Graphics

In the year two, the following units are studied (C indicates Core Unit)

- Systems Analysis and Design (C)
- Computer Networks
- Computer Systems Architecture
- IT System Troubleshooting
- IT Technical Support
- Data Analysis and Design
- Database Design
- Client Side Customisation of Web Pages
- Web Server Scripting

Please note these units are subject to change

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What can I do after this course?

You may apply for a BTEC Higher National Diploma, or Degree Course in Computing, or seek employment in the IT industry.

What careers would this course be useful for?

On completion of this course you will be able to seek employment as:

- A Programmer
- IT technical support

How do I apply / join this course?

Telephone (01527 570020) or visit Student Advice and Guidance Department for an application form.

Alternatively apply online at - info@ne-worcs.ac.uk.

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.