

# Construction Apprenticeships Civil Engineering for Technicians Level 3

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## What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a training programme that combines real employment with a recognised qualification.

We have a long established Construction department at South Thames College staffed by industry professionals. We are constantly developing our courses and updating our equipment so we can keep pace with the industry and identify specialist areas the market requires. We are affiliated to the construction industry organisation – Construction Skills (previously, Construction Industry Training Board – CITB).

As well as Civil Engineering for Technicians Level 3, we also offer the following Apprenticeships in our construction department at our Wandsworth campus

- Electrotechnical Services – Level 3
- Heating & Ventilation (Plumbing) – Level 2

## What is a Civil Engineering Technician?

People working in civil engineering are involved with the planning, design and construction of projects ranging from bridges and stadiums to flood defences. Technicians help with the planning and delivery of a project. Tasks include analyzing and testing samples of materials, produce working drawings and doing calculations, costings, progress-chasing and some site work.

## Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. This Apprenticeship framework has 3 main strands:

- **Main Aim** – This is an assessed qualification, designed to assess and judge the application of skills and knowledge to a competent level. Also to develop the essential skills and knowledge needed to be competent at the job role
- **Key Skills element** - Generally the application of essential communication and numeracy skills applied to the job role
- **Employment responsibilities and rights** - What is needed to comply with essential employment legislation to ensure fairness, equality and the essential health and safety of the workplace

All Apprenticeships have a framework that has been developed specially for the relevant occupation. Our (Level 2) Apprenticeships can take between 18 months and 2 years to complete and our Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3) can take up to 3 years.

## Delivery and Costs

To enter onto an Apprenticeship you must be employed for a minimum of 16 hours per week. During your Apprenticeship you will spend one day per week in the college. Workshop sessions and key skills are taught on college days. A tutor will visit you in your workplace at agreed times to observe your practical work and put together the portfolio needed for your qualification.

The training is free to Apprentices. As a full time employee you will receive your normal salary. Your employer will agree to release you for your college commitments at the scheduled times.

If you are currently unemployed, we offer a vacancy matching service at: [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk). This website enables you to search for, and apply for current Apprenticeship vacancies.

## Course Content

The course consists of 3 sections, which are:

- Work- Based Assessment
- Technical Certificate (Underpinning Knowledge)
- Functional Skills (Literacy, Numeracy and IT)

## Progression

Research shows that apprentices earn, on average, over £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than other employees.

Your career doesn't have to stop at the Advanced Apprenticeship, if you want to go on to University you will find many institutes of Higher Education value your skills and knowledge and will happily offer you a place on a Foundation Degree or other higher level qualifications.

You can also carry on working, maybe get promoted, or apply for other jobs with your new qualification.