



## What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Intermediate Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

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

- competence based element
- technical element
- skills element

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

## Overview

Beyond the current recession the construction industry is expected to recover and continue to grow. Some of the growth will come from the increase in housing stock as well as infrastructure improvements such as schools, roads and hospitals. In 2005, 2.41 million people were employed in construction. Construction Skills<sup>1</sup> expect the number to increase to approximately 2.8 million by 2012. Construction is a multi-billion pound industry that deals with developing and building anything from a housing estate to a bridge. Few industries are as wide-ranging, or offer so many different career pathways. With a construction Apprenticeship, you could be working on various sites in your region and beyond – there are also plenty of opportunities to work abroad, as many of the largest construction companies operate around the world.

## Delivery

Practical elements are delivered and assessed in the workplace with one day at College to receive training in knowledge elements and functional skills

## Entry Requirements

We recommend that you hold a minimum of GCSE grade D in Maths and English but it is not essential.

## Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

Site Carpenter