

CONSTRUCTION

INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE IN BASIC CONSTRUCTION SKILLS



Course rationale

Examination Board: City & Guilds

Course Code: 6218 1

Units:

Include Brickwork, Plumbing, Tiling, Painting and Decorating and a Level 1 Certificate in Health and Safety

This course is intended to prepare students who have an interest in construction for work in their particular occupation. It is designed to give students certain skills and knowledge that will enable them to make the best career choice and the correct progression on to apprenticeship, NVQ Level 2 or employment. Students who do not progress onto a career in construction will find that this course provides useful life skills.

Assessment System

The Introductory Certificate is modular in format with each unit covering one skill. Each unit has both a practical element and an externally marked test.

Qualification

To achieve the full award in the Introductory Certificate qualification, students must pass a number of credits. Each unit will be examined as it is completed and full opportunity for the preparation of a test piece will be given. Students who fail a unit will be given further training and another opportunity to retake that unit.

Equipment

All the necessary equipment for the course is provided. If students wish to start to collect their own tool kit, then advice will be given but only tools approved by the teacher in charge can be used on site.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety are of paramount importance in the Construction Industry so the first unit that students take is Health & Safety. Students cannot realistically move on to other units until they have passed this unit. Safety will then become an inherent part of every unit. Training in the use of equipment and material will be part of every lesson. Students who cannot follow safety instructions will be excluded from that part of the lesson.

Safety Equipment

Each student will be provided with work overalls, safety boots, gloves, face mask and goggles. Other safety equipment will be provided for specific tasks. If students visit working construction sites, then further safety equipment will be provided such as hard hats and Hi-Viz clothing.

Provision for Gifted and Talented

This course gives students who have talents in the practical areas the full opportunity to extend their skills beyond those required for the Award. Extra school based projects will enable students to leave a more permanent record of their construction skills.

Differentiation

The Introductory Certificate offers students of all abilities the chance to achieve their potential in a wide range of vocational skills. The more practical nature of this course will often suit students who have difficulties with written work. Credit is given for every unit passed so even if students do not achieve the full award, they have their individual skills recorded.