

**“I want to be
a web designer”
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(PAGE 93) FOR THE CERTIFICATE IN ICT AT
ENTRY 1, ENTRY 2 AND ENTRY 3.

LEVEL 1 BTEC AWARD IN IT

1 year full-time, equivalent to 2 GCSEs grade D-G

The Level 1 BTEC Award is a nested component of the Level 1 BTEC Certificate.

This award aims to:

- Provide an introduction to a vocational area
- Offer a flexible and accessible course of study
- Encourage and develop Functional Skills/Personal Skills

Course Units:

- Starting Work in the IT Industry
- Developing IT Skills
- Personal Effectiveness
- Using the Internet

Assessment:

To be awarded the Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Award in IT a student must achieve seven credits. At least four credits must be achieved at Level 1. The remaining credits may be achieved at Entry Level or Level 2. The units covered are all graded at different credit levels depending on the hours required to study that unit.

To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- An Entry Certificate in Skills for Life or Life Skills
- A standard of Literacy and Numeracy required for Entry Level 3
- GCSEs grade D-G or to have studied to a GCSE level or equivalent
- Related interests or experiences

Further Opportunities:

- Take another qualification at Level 1 in a different area if appropriate
- Take a qualification at Level 2 in the same or a different area
- Apprenticeships
- Employment



LEVEL 1 BTEC CERTIFICATE IN IT

1 year full-time, equivalent to 4 GCSEs grade D-G

This certificate aims to:

- Develop knowledge, understanding and skills in a vocational area
- Encourage and develop Functional Skills/Personal Skills

Course Units:

- Starting Work in the IT Industry
- Working in the IT Industry
- Developing IT Skills
- PC Systems at Work
- Using the Internet
- IT Applications

Assessment:

To be awarded the Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Certificate in IT a student must achieve a minimum of thirteen credits. At least eight credits must be achieved at Level 1. The remaining credits may be achieved at Entry Level or Level 2. The units covered are all graded at different credit levels depending on the hours required to study that unit.

To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- An Entry Certificate in Skills for Life or Life Skills
- A standard of Literacy and Numeracy required for Entry Level 3
- GCSEs grade D-G or to have studied to a GCSE level or equivalent

Further Opportunities:

- Take another qualification at Level 1 in a different area if appropriate
- Take a qualification at Level 2 in the same or a different area
- Apprenticeships
- Employment

BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA FOR ICT PRACTITIONERS

1 year full-time, equivalent to 4 GCSEs at grade C or above

This course is ideal if you want to gain a nationally recognised qualification in the field of ICT/computing.

This course aims to provide:

- Up-to-date subject matter in ICT
- An opportunity to learn a range of relevant ICT skills
- Both practical and theory skills to allow progression on to other BTEC qualifications

Course Units:

- Using ICT to Present Information
- Introduction to Computer Systems
- Website Development
- Software Design and Development
- ICT Graphics
- Spreadsheet and Database Software

Your course is enhanced by studying for Functional Skills qualifications and the opportunity to re-sit GCSE Mathematics and English (for those who have achieved a grade D at GCSE).

Assessment:

Units are assessed in a variety of ways including case studies, assignments, projects and external assessments.

To Join the Course:

You will need to have:

- Motivation
- Commitment
- Minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade D and above
- Level 1 qualification at merit grade

Mature students without formal qualifications who show commitment to the subject area may join the course following a successful interview.

Further Opportunities:

- Progression on to the BTEC National Diploma for IT Practitioners or another related subject
- Enter employment in the field of IT/computing



BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA FOR IT PRACTITIONERS

2 years full-time, equivalent to 3 A Levels

This course is ideal if you want to gain a nationally recognised qualification in the field of computing. The course aims to:

- Provide studies in the fields of computing and IT, which are directly relevant to the changing needs of employees and employers
- Provide programmes of study which are intellectually challenging
- Develop your range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes, which are essential for career development in the computing and IT sector

Course Units:

Over the course you will study eighteen units which include subjects such as:

- Games Programming
- Graphics and Animation
- Building Spreadsheets and Database Solutions
- Computer Networks
- Hardware Maintenance and Repair
- Website Design
- Systems Analysis and Design

Assessment:

Assessment is by a variety of methods, which include: written and practical assignments, case studies and projects.

To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 4 GCSEs at grade C or above including Mathematics
- BTEC First Diploma for ICT Practitioners or a relevant subject with an overall merit profile
- An equivalent qualification

Mature students without formal qualifications who show commitment to the subject area may join the course following a successful interview.

Further Opportunities:

- Progression to a degree or HND/foundation degree course in computing/ICT
- Enter employment in the IT or computing industry

