

# Welcome to South Devon College's Business Guide to Training and Professional Development

A skilled workforce is one of the most valuable assets a company can have, which is why we can support you by providing professional and award-winning training.

We serve businesses and sole traders throughout the South West and beyond. Our qualified tutors deliver high-quality training across a variety of areas.

We pride ourselves in offering bespoke solutions that suit your needs and make a real and lasting difference to your organisation, regardless of the size of your business. Whether you need a short half-day course or a substantial programme of training, we have the courses to help you develop your company. From functional skills, employability skills and wellbeing workshops to higher-level qualifications and apprenticeships. You will be allocated to a member of our dedicated team to ensure you stay informed about funding options and to help you identify training needs for your business.

Our dedicated Business Solutions team are available to provide free business and training needs analysis to ensure your business is operating effectively.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if what you are looking for is not included in the guide. We can deliver bespoke packages to meet your needs.

We hope to welcome you soon.

Emily Pearson



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For the latest course dates and times please visit our website or contact the team directly.

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## South Devon Business Partners

South Devon College is proud to introduce South Devon Business Partners, a reward and recognition incentive for employers who use education to grow and develop their business and choose South Devon College as their preferred training partner. The various benefits businesses will receive will depend on the category: Bronze, Silver or Gold.

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Thresholds guidance	5-9 active apprentices	10-19 active apprentices and those offering work experience	20+ active apprentices and those offering work experience
Discount on courses for employees	5%	10%	15%
Dedicated specialist Workplace Co-ordinator	~	~	~
Free skills analysis and training development	~	~	~
Endorsement on South Devon College's website	~	~	~
Discounted Active Wellbeing membership	~	~	~
Digital account support	~	~	~
First choice on promotions		~	~
Profile on social media		~	~
Discounted rates on facility hire		~	~
Free Business Essentials sessions			~
Dedicated account manager			~
Monthly account management visits			~
Employer access to OneFile			~
Feature in business newsletter			~
VIP invite to College awards ceremonies			~

#### \*Subject to eligibility

## We are proud to support the following organisations





























































## University Hospitals Plymouth Best Large Apprentice Employer, South Devon College Apprenticeship Awards 2022

With over 100 apprentices at Level 2 to Level 5, University Hospitals Plymouth have ensured that apprenticeships are firmly part of their future workforce development planning with many apprentices progressing through the levels. South Devon College works in close partnership with the Education team at Derriford to support and coordinate this successful apprenticeship programme.



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# What do we offer to employers?

#### Training and development

We offer a range of specialist courses which can provide the perfect opportunity for staff CPD and upskilling across a broad range of sectors and professional services. Our aim is to support the development of the skills needed by local employers, to support the growth of our economy.

Courses range from entry level right up to degree level study and can be delivered in a variety of formats, from purely online, delivered at your workplace, or delivered onsite here at college.

Our full course listing can be found in this guide, with more information on each course on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, get in touch - we are always open to developing new courses in line with employer requirements.

#### **Traineeships**

A Traineeship is an education and training programme with work experience that is focused on giving young people the skills and experience that employers are looking for. At its core are work preparation training, English and maths for those who need it, digital and employability skills, and a high quality work experience placement.

The placement can last anywhere between six weeks up to six months. Trainees may complete up to 240 hours of work experience over the six months. At the end of a traineeship, employers can offer an interview for an apprenticeship or job.

Traineeships can help boost your bottom line and build a committed workforce. They can provide you with employees who are passionate about your success as much as their own growth and are willing to go above and beyond to see both happen and, unlike apprenticeships, employers are not required to pay trainees.

## Work experience and supporting careers

The College works closely with The Heart of the South West Careers Hub, who, like us, are passionate about the benefits that work experience placements can provide to both students and employers.

A meaningful experience will include:

- Defined learning outcomes which are relevant to both the student and employer
- An opportunity for a student to meet a range of employees from the workplace
- Extensive two-way interaction between the student and employer
- Completion of tasks which enable students to receive feedback on their work

We have a dedicated team of Placement and Work
Experience Coordinators who support and facilitate the links
between businesses and our extremely talented, curious,
hardworking students. Our students are ready to make a
real difference, develop their confidence and learn more
about work opportunities available to them now and in

In return you will get the opportunity to shape the future work force, identify future talent you may wish to employ as trainees, apprentices or graduates, get a fresh perspective on your business and encourage current team members to share their knowledge and experience, developing their own management skills.

#### T Levels

T Levels are a new Level 3 (A Level equivalent) qualification and a key part of the Government's reform to revolutionise skills and technical education, generating the skilled workforce that businesses need for the future. They have been developed to tackle skills shortages, whilst supporting and developing the future talent pool, with students bringing new ideas and a fresh perspective.

T levels include an industry work placement for a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days), and is designed to equip young people with the skills needed to progress onto an apprenticeship or higher education. We have a dedicated team of Placement and Work Experience Coordinators and Assessor Coaches that support students and employers through the whole process, resolving any issues arising from placements during regular check-ins.

What can employing an apprentice do for my business?

Apprenticeships are an excellent way of re-invigorating your workforce and improving your bottom line. They can provide you with enthusiastic employees with the skills to have a lasting and positive impact on your business.

Businesses that employ apprentices see an increase in retention and loyalty, which means apprenticeships can form the cornerstone of your recruitment policy. Apprentices can be valuable to businesses of any size, whether you are a sole trader, small to medium enterprise or a multinational organisation.

Existing employees can also begin an apprenticeship, enabling them to receive advanced technical training and gain a formal qualification whilst still contributing to your business. There is also a range of funding options and streams available. For more funding information please see page 46.

Taking on an apprentice doesn't have to be a daunting proposition. Our expert Business Solutions Team team can offer you a free consultation to explain the benefits it will bring, and will provide support every step of the way.

To find out more about any of these options, call our Business Solutions Team on **01803 540823**, or email **employers@southdevon.ac.uk**.

## Zenith Marine Best New Apprentice Employer, South Devon College Apprenticeship Awards 2022

The team at Zenith Marine are exemplary apprentice employers. The business has an excellent approach to the support, encouragement and growth of apprentices and have provided stimulating opportunities for learning right from the start. In his first few months of work Jack Pearce was involved in health and safety, risk assessments, prep and refit work. This company see Jack very much as one of the team and utilise their knowledge and experience to support him.



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## **Commercial services**

At South Devon College we offer a wide selection of flexible, modern and vibrant meeting facilities which are fully equipped to help you deliver a successful meeting or event.

If you choose South Devon College for your next meeting or event, you can be confident that we will support you in making it a success. We have facilities to host events ranging from a meeting for 2 to a conference for 120, and our catering offer can vary from a simple cup of tea to 3 course fine dining.

All our rooms are modern with natural light and can be set up in a variety of layouts. They include WiFi and computer access, projector screens and AV facilities.

We also have more specialist facilities available at our Paignton Campus that allow us the flexibility to support more unusual and bespoke events:

#### We have facilities to hire in the following locations:

Paignton Campus, TQ4 7EJ Torquay Campus, TQ2 7FT

#### Our facilities include:

- ✓ 4K Screening Suite (seats up to 100)
- Specialist Hi-tech Rooms and Equipment
- Horizons Restaurant (seats up to 90)
- Theatre (seats up to 120)
- Gym
- ✓ Sports Hall
- Dance Studio
- Boardroom
- Training Kitchen
- Meeting Room



#### 3G Pitch & Advertising

We can offer you a board in a prime location for £299 VAT excl for the first 12 months this includes design, board and set up. Then only £199 VAT excl for the next 12 months.

ACM Ali Composite Advertising Board 2350mm x 610mm

#### Contact

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#### **Printing Services**

Our department offers a comprehensive range of printing and finishing options to businesses. We can provide booklets, flyers, photographs, large format posters and displays up to A0 and larger bespoke sizes, adhesive vinyl printing, comb-binding, guillotining and more at highly competitive prices.

Want to learn more about what we can do or perhaps have a specific request? Get in touch and contact us on 01803 540738 or email us at printingservices@southdevon.ac.uk.

## Free and funded CPD courses

#### Free online short courses

These courses are available to start throughout the year and are completely free for individuals over the age of 19, who have lived in the UK/EU for over 3 years and are not already on a government funded apprenticeship. Your employees can apply and enrol online and study online at their own pace, from the office or from home.

The College offers online courses in a wide range of topics, including business, childcare and early years, counselling, fitness, health and care, teaching and education and youth work.



## FIND OUT MORE AND



#### Free or funded classroom-based short courses



You can find these courses in the curriculum maps that follow, marked with an 'F'.

The college offers a huge range of short courses for professional development, from entry level to intermediate, which are covered by government funding for individuals over the age of 19 and have lived in the UK/EU for more than 3 years and who earn less than £18,525 per annum. In most cases these courses will be free to the employer, however administration fees may apply to some courses.

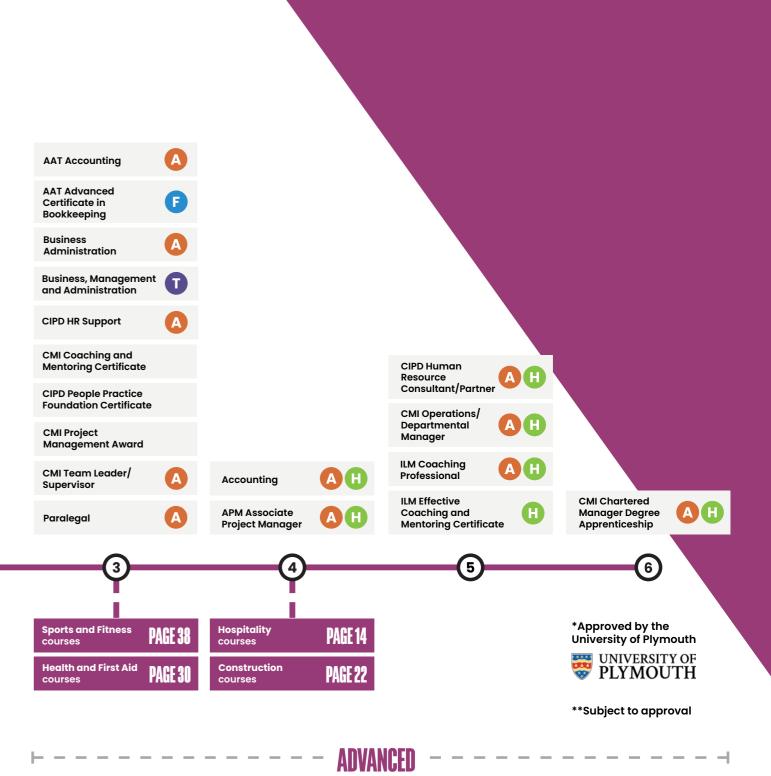
These courses range from professional qualifications including AAT Level 1-2, Digital Skills for Work, Legal Studies, Certified Secure Computer User, Principles of Customer Service and Delivery, as well as many sector specific training courses.

If you can't find the course you're looking for, please contact the Business Solutions team on 01803 540823 or email employers@southdevon.ac.uk

# BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL



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Apprenticeship

**Online Course** 

(1) Course Level

(EL) Entry Level

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T Level Higher Education

**Traineeships** 

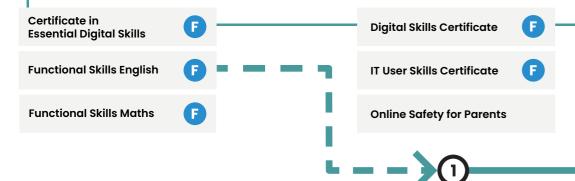
Free or Funded

## **COMPUTING AND** DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

## **HOW TO READ THIS MAP**

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Search the course name at southdevon.ac.uk for more details, dates and fee information.



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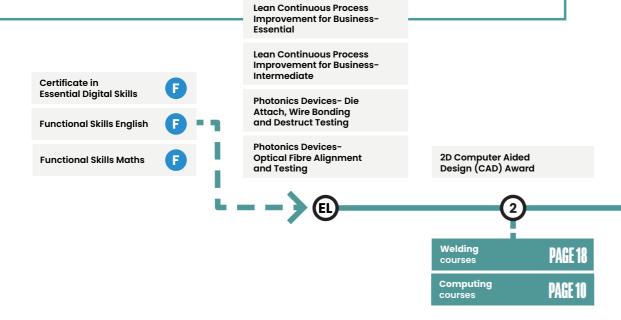
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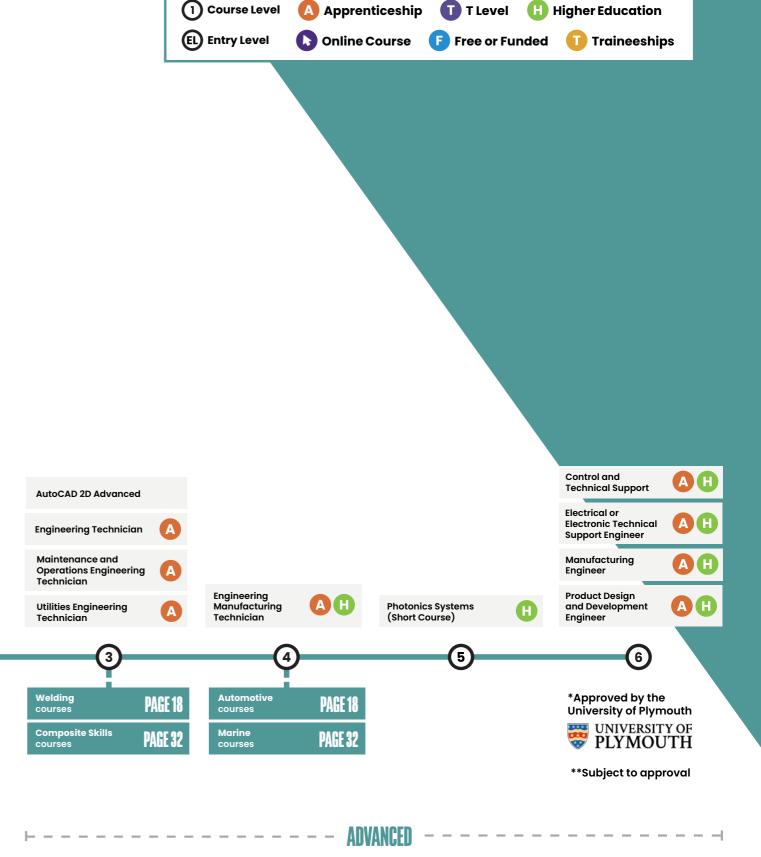


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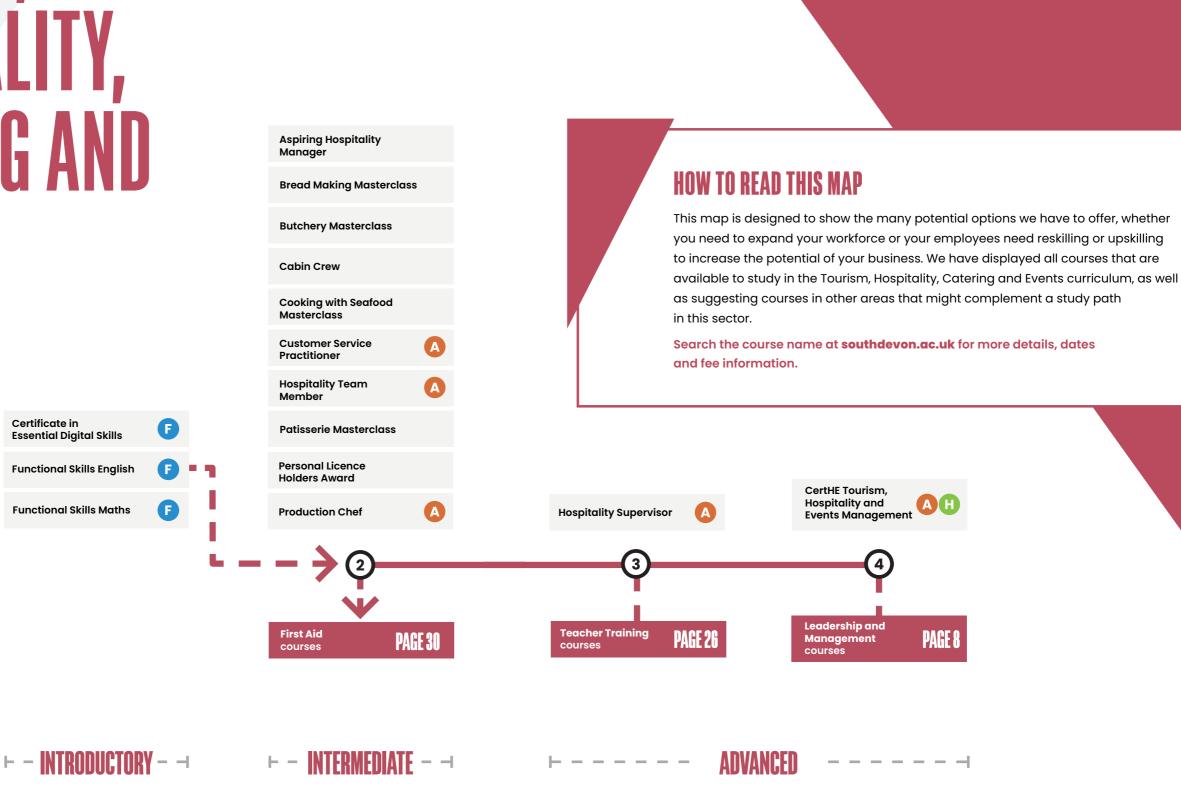
## TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, **CATERING AND EVENTS**

Certificate in

**Essential Digital Skills** 

Functional Skills English

**Functional Skills Maths** 



(1) Course Level

(EL) Entry Level

Apprenticeship

Online Course

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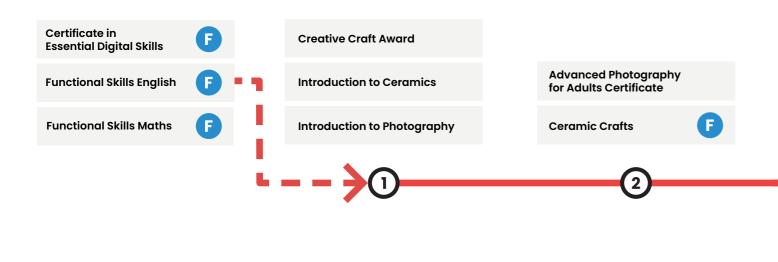
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## ART AND DESIGN

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Search the course name at **southdevon.ac.uk** for more details, dates and fee information.



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Teacher Training Courses PAGE 26

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Apprenticeship

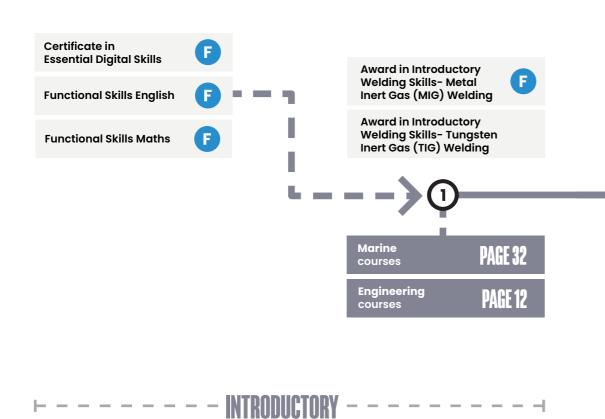
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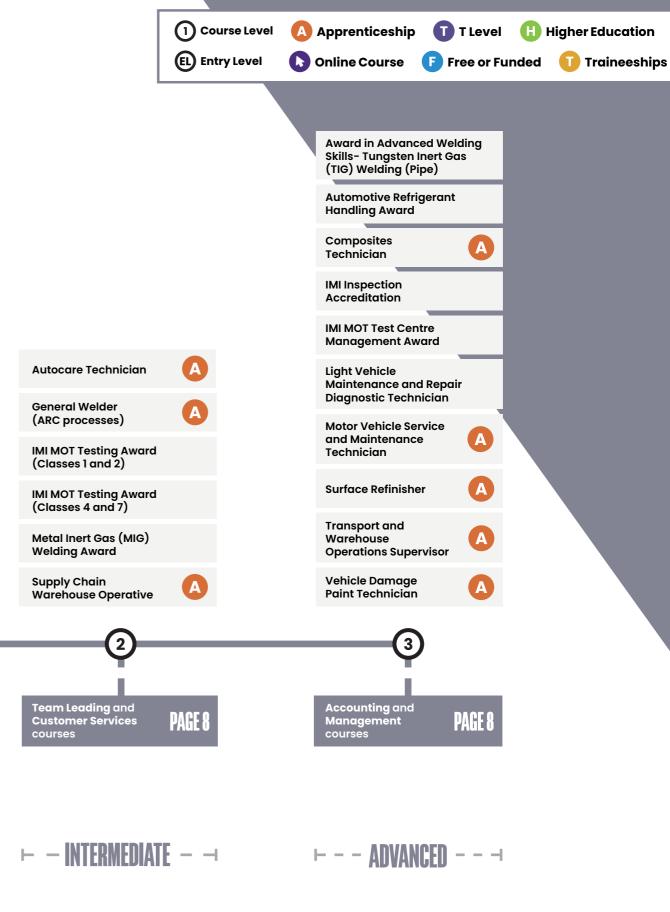
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**Traineeships** 

Free or Funded

# CHILDREN AND



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Apprenticeship

**Online Course** 

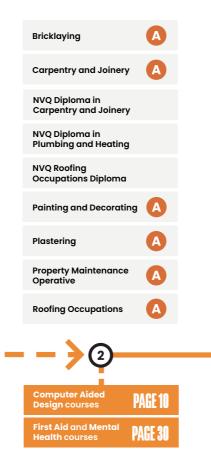
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# CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

Certificate in

Functional Skills English

**Functional Skills Maths** 





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(EL) Entry Level

Apprenticeship

**Online Course** 

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**Traineeships** 

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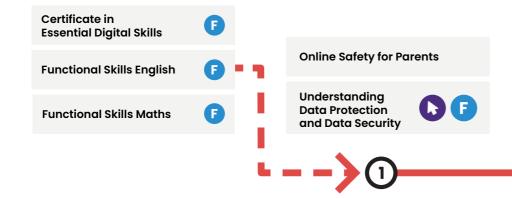
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## DIGITAL MEDIA

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Digital Marketer

Digital Production
Design and
Development

Junior Content Producer

Computing
courses

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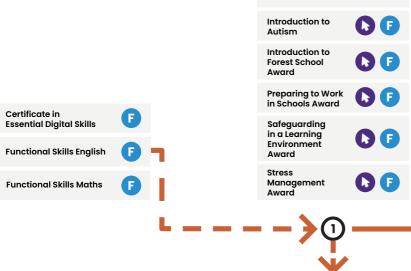
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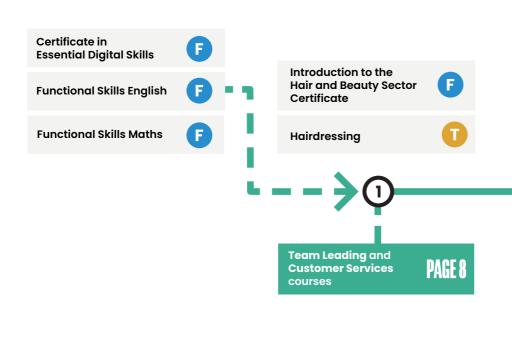
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## HAIR AND BEAUTY

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1 Course Level

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Apprenticeship

Online Course

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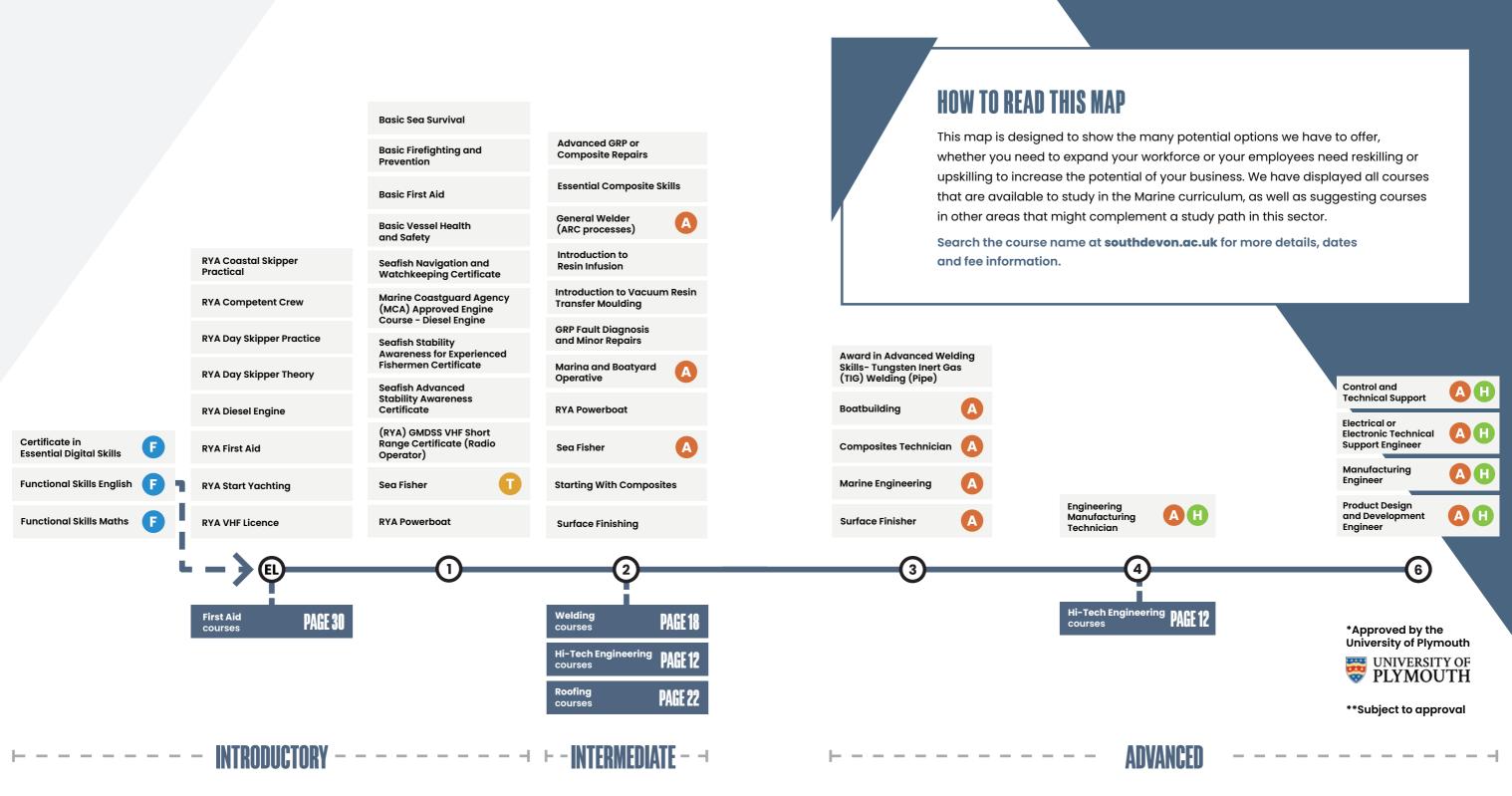
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Traineeships

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## MARINE



(1) Course Level

(EL) Entry Level

Apprenticeship

**Online Course** 

## SCIENCE AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



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Health and Care courses PAGE 30 Teacher Training courses PAGE 26

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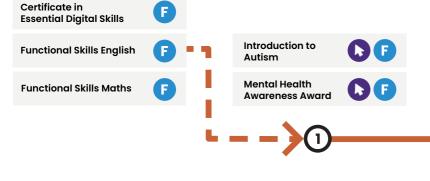
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Introduction to Psychology, Criminology and Counselling Mental Health Awareness Certificate Neuroscience in the Early Years Understanding Adverse Childhood **Experiences** Certificate Understanding **Autism Certificate** Understanding Mental Health First Aid Understanding Safeguarding and **Prevent Certificate** PAGE 38



Certificate in

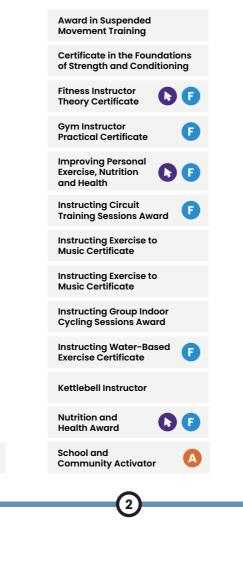
**Essential Digital Skills** 

Functional Skills English

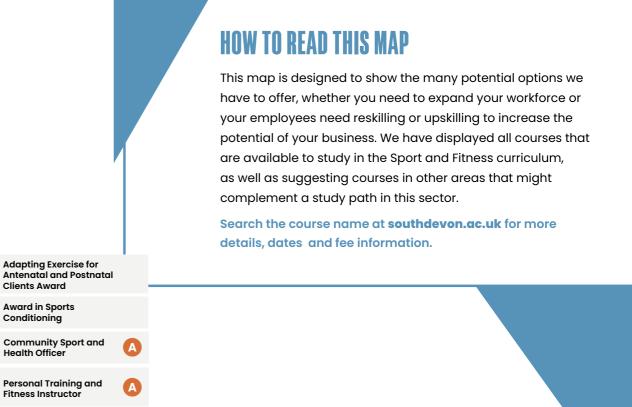
**Functional Skills Maths** 

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# SPORT AND FITNESS







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Business and Management courses

Sports Coach

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**Instructing Outdoor Fitness** 

(3)

(Bootcamp) Award

**Outdoor Activity** 

Instructor

## Wellbeing in the Workplace

We can offer bespoke training packages and workshops designed to promote better fitness, mental health, nutrition and sleep as well as benefiting your employee engagement and boosting productivity.

#### Topics covered could include:

- Introduction to stress management
- Developing an awareness of mental health
- The importance of healthy eating and drinking for adults Understanding eating disorders
- Weight management and body image
- Principles of E-Safety

For information or to speak to someone about your requirements please fill out the enquiry form at: southdevon.ac.uk/employers/corporate-wellbeing-programme

**76%** of line managers believe they are responsible for employee wellbeing, but only **22%** have received training

(Source: Mental Health at Work Report 2016)

The cost of mental health related absence in the UK workplace is £7.9bn

(Source: Mental Health and Employers: The Case for Investment- Deloitte, October 2017)

**49%** of line managers would appreciate basic training in common mental health conditions

(Source: Mental Health at Work Report 2016)

**29%** of employees have been diagnosed with a mental health condition in the UK

(Source: Mental Health at Work Report 2016)

77% of employees have experienced symptoms of poor mental health at some point in their lives

(Source: Mental Health at Work Report 2016)

You can choose two of the activities listed below for a one-day programme or four of the activities for a two-day programme. Please note, there must be a minimum of six people from your organisation per package and the cost is £60 per person, per day.

- Outdoor fitness trail This team bootcamp adventure can be designed to meet the needs, fitness levels and abilities of participants.
- Leadership Development This class-based theory and practical session explores the key characteristics of successful communication helping to build team cohesion and motivation.
- Problem Solving Your team will be set a range of conundrums to test communication and lateral thinking! This can take place on land (inside or outside) or feature water-based activities.
- Orienteering You will be taught the basics of map reading then complete a team challenge in the English Riviera Geopark.
- Bush Craft A practical outdoor session where participants will work together and learn some basic survival techniques. This can be undertaken as part of an overnight activity or on the one day activity package.
- Healthy Cooking Learn how to cook healthy, nutritious food in our stateof-the-art training kitchens and then share the dishes with teams and colleagues in our onsite Horizons restaurant.
- Immersive Yoga A completely holistic session, unlocking physical and emotional blockages, through stretch, relaxation, breathe work and guided mindfulness.
- Forest Bathing Enter the realms of the healing benefits of the natural world and find out how the forest can support positive mental health and wellbeing.

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## **Apprentice Recruitment Service**

The College offers a dedicated apprenticeship recruitment service for Employers to help you find the best fit for your business.

The recruitment service can be completed in seven stages:

- You will need to create an account on the Digital Apprenticeship Service (DAS) at accounts.manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk for us to advertise your apprenticeship vacancy on the Government's directory at gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.
- Your dedicated Apprenticeship Recruitment Coordinator will support you in completing a vacancy template. This template is an opportunity to promote your Apprenticeship vacancy and will include a vacancy overview, role description, working pattern, wage and start date.
- Our apprenticeship team will submit your vacancy onto the 'Find an Apprenticeship' page on the www.gov.uk website.
- Your apprenticeship vacancy will be advertised nationally as well as through our Careers and Employability Centre to our existing students.
- Once your vacancy closes, your dedicated Apprenticeship Recruitment Coordinator will check each application to ensure eligibility and suitability.
- You will then be required to shortlist and interview the applicants.
- Upon successfully appointing your new apprentice you will need to inform your Apprenticeship Recruitment Coordinator and agree the Employment/Apprenticeship start date.

## **Staff Recruitment Service**

Our team of professionals can help your business recruit seasonal or part-time staff through our unique online Careers and Employability Centre.

We have partnered with Jobteaser to launch our new online Careers and Employability Centre, which enables all our students to access information about local, national and international employers. This platform gives you access to our talent pool of industry ready students for your Apprenticeship and full time vacancies. We encourage all the employers we work with to add a company profile to make it easier for them to create a future pipeline and raise awareness of their brand. Our business partners get this created for them by a member of our customer account team.

#### What do you need to do?

- Create a company profile on our online Careers and Employability Centre
- Interview the shortlisted studentsthis can be done on your premises or at the College
- Support the College in helping to make our students work-ready

#### What we will do?

- Check with you that we have all the details of your vacancy requirements
- Advertise your vacancy on our Careers and Employability Centre
- Offer you the opportunity to visit the College to promote your vacancy
- Provide a FREE recruitment service
- Work closely with our students to ensure we find the right individual for you

## Our students have time to

- ✓ On their days off from College
- In the evenings
- At weekends
- ✓ In the holidays

This new online platform also gives you direct access to promote and manage work experience, volunteering, seasonal and part time vacancies to our students.

#### Register today: southdevon.jobteaser.com

We also hold regular recruitment fairs and employer engagement activities, please get in touch on **01803 540575** or email **employability@southdevon.ac.uk** if this is something you would be interested in supporting.

"Apprenticeships have contributed to the growth of our business by underpinning the skills and knowledge we need in a niche industry. My advice to businesses considering hiring an apprentice is that they are invaluable. Especially with South Devon College, you get the support that you need as an employer and the apprentice will bring valuable skills and a fresh perspective."

#### Victoria Phillips

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## Higher Education Opportunities

#### Looking to recruit a graduate?

University Centre South Devon offers HND/Cs, Foundation Degrees, BA/BSc Degrees and Higher/Degree Apprenticeships across diverse curriculum areas including Arts, Computing and Engineering, Construction, Business, Social Sciences and Sport.

Our courses focus on developing not just theoretical skills and knowledge, but relevant, work-based skills to increase student and graduate employability.

We have over 700 students, most of whom live within Torbay and South Devon. Over half of those studying with us are mature students (over 21 at the start of their course), who are often career changers looking to retrain and apply their skills in a

We offer opportunities for employers to raise their profile and engage with our students through activities including guest lectures, work-based learning and industry visits.

If you are looking to recruit a graduate, you can advertise opportunities exclusively for new and recent UCSD graduates through our Careers and Employability Centre. There are many benefits to employing graduates, research shows that they are often more affordable, willing to learn and progress, and can bring a host of new skills and ideas to your business.



**UNIVERSITY CENTRE** SOUTH DEVON

For more information, email university@southdevon.ac.uk or visit ucsd.ac.uk



(Source: www.glassdoor.co.uk)

"The Foundation Degree in Outdoor Education was an exciting course that was both physically and mentally challenging... As a result I have worked as a surf instructor in New Zealand; a kayak and sailing coach in the United States and most recently...with the Mexican Navy...protecting British interests abroad."

Ali Glenning Warfare Officer in the Royal Navy



## **Apprenticeship Funding Information**

#### Funding for all employers

 $\pm 1000$  incentive for recruiting 16-18 year olds. South Devon College will pay you directly in two instalments.

## Funding for small and medium-sized enterprises

(SMEs)

For companies who pay less than £3 million on the payroll, including SMEs, the mandatory cash contribution from companies will be 5%. This is a considerable reduction compared to plans previously announced by the Government, when the proposal was that companies, including SMEs, would pay one third of the apprenticeship training costs.

The Government has committed to fully paying the costs of English and maths training. All businesses need to register onto the apprenticeship service to access Apprenticeship training (more details for this can be found in the How does a business access their funds section).

## Employer incentives (Levy and Non-Levy)

The Government has introduced the incentive that employers with fewer than 50 employees will be exempt from paying 5% of the training costs if they employ a 16-18 year old, a young care leaver or a young person with an EHCP.

Contact our dedicated Business Solutions Team for free professional support and advice on **01803 540823**.

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#### Levy paying employers

From 1st May 2017, the way the government funded apprenticeships changed. As a result, some employers are required to contribute to a new apprenticeship levy and there are changes to the funding for apprenticeship training for all employers. The levy will be charged at a rate of 0.5% of your annual pay bill.

## Does the apprenticeship levy apply to my business?

You will pay the apprenticeship levy if you are an employer with a pay bill of more than £3 million each year. For the purposes of the levy, an 'employer' is someone who is a secondary contributor, with liability to pay Class 1 Secondary National Insurance Contributions (NICs) for their employees.

## How does a business access their funds?

- Register your business onto the Apprenticeship Service via the www.gov.uk website
- Follow the step-by-step guide on the government website: www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-apprenticeship-funds
- Contact the Business Solutions Team at South Devon College to get professional free support and guidance on 01803 540823 for digital/levy enquiries

### Apprenticeships Mythbuster

Did you know? There are often government funded projects available to both employers and staff. A range of funding sources are routinely searched to identify potential project funds by a dedicated team based at South Devon College. The Advanced Learner Loan is also available to support students with course fees.

## The Apprenticeship Levy

Make the most of your Apprenticeship Levy! Apprenticeship funds are available for 24 months, so make sure you use it and don't lose it! If you haven't spent it yet, South Devon College can help you find a way to make it benefit your business.

#### Steps to make the most out of your levy

#### Conduct a business training review

Our Employer Engagement team are available to provide free business and training needs analysis to ensure your business is operating effectively.

We pride ourselves in offering bespoke solutions that suit your needs and make a real and lasting difference to your organisation. Whether you need a short half-day course or a substantial programme of training, we have the courses to help you develop your company.

#### Upskill your workforce

The apprenticeship levy applies to current employees within your business. The College runs a range of apprenticeship programmes to upskill your staff.

#### Share it

As a levy paying employer you can transfer up to 25% of your funds to other businesses. This can benefit the local community or generate closer collaboration within your supply chain.

#### Transfer of Levy Funds: 3 Simple Steps

Are you looking to support a small business by transferring up to 25% of your levy funds? This is a great opportunity for both employers to invest in apprenticeships to grow future talent.

- The sending employer and the receiving employer will firstly need to agree the details of the transfer of funds (the apprenticeship standard, number of apprentices and cost).
- Both employers will need to register on the apprenticeship service website: gov.uk/guidance/manage-apprenticeship-funds
- The employers will need to connect with each other on the website. The receiving employer will need to add details of the apprentice(s), then both employers will confirm the transfer.

## Expired funds are the unused apprenticeship funds that will be taken from your account. What happens if you don't spend your levy?

Apprenticeship funds will be taken out of your account 24 months after they enter it, unless you:

- Spend them on apprenticeship training and assessment
- Fund an apprenticeship with another employer through transfers

For more information, please contact our Employer Engagement team on employers@southdevon.ac.uk or call 01803 540823.

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## **Locations**

Find us and drop in to any of our centres to find out more about our courses and qualifications.



#### <sup>1</sup> Paignton Campus

#### Main Building

Long Road Paignton

TQ4 7EJ 01803 540823

#### **University Centre**

South Devon

Long Road

Paignton

TQ4 7EJ

08000 21 31 81

## <sup>7</sup>2 Torquay Campus

**Professions** 

187 Newton Road Torquay

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01803 540865

TQ6 0EA

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Please check our website  ${\bf southdevon.ac.uk}$  for up-to-date course information.

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## Centre for Health and Care

**Marine Academy** 

Premier Marinas

Noss-on-Dart Bridge Road

Kingswear

01803 839242

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## EMPLOYER ADVICE DROP IN SESSIONS

For free, expert advice on any of your staff training and development needs, visit the team at a drop in session, every Tuesday 10am-4pm. No need to book, just turn up at our Vantage Point campus in Paignton. Our reception team will show you to the Business Solutions office.