
Level 1,2 and 3 City and Guilds 6705 Diploma Bricklaying

What is the course about?

The construction sector is vital in contributing to the Islands economy and in providing the essential infrastructure to support other sectors. In light of the current economic climate it is more essential than ever to gain skills and qualifications in this area, to improve future prospects and career progression. All our tutors are experienced master craftsmen and women and progression through the course might be able to provide an opportunity for an apprenticeship or full time employment in the construction industry.

Bricklaying is one of the traditional trades in the Isle of Man, UK and around the world. Those studying bricklaying will learn a variety of skills to enable them to build, repair and maintain the country's housing stock.

This qualification is aimed at learners aged 16 and above who aspire to be skilled in their chosen trade, by progressing through an apprenticeship and working towards becoming a master craftsman.

What are the entry requirements?

All applicants will be required to undertake an interview. A really keen interest in the subject and a clear commitment to the course is necessary for the student to succeed. Employment with a relevant employer and GCSEs are an advantage.

As applications for this craft are usually high and available student spaces are strictly limited, you are encouraged to make an application to College as soon as possible

What subjects will I study?

The course is broken down into units and includes:

- Health, Safety and Welfare in Construction
- Interpreting working drawings to set out masonry structures
- Producing thin joint masonry and masonry cladding
- Building solid walling, isolated and attached piers
- Construct cavity walling forming masonry structures

A course specific handbook can be found on the City & Guilds Website:

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/courses-and-qualifications/construction/construction/6705-bricklaying>

How will I be assessed?

The course commences September. Each unit is split into practical and theory elements. Self-study is part of the course and students are also set written assignments that will require some research and time management.

Most units have a practical and theory exam, both of which must be successfully completed in order to progress through the course.

As part of life skills development and an entry requirement onto the Level 2 course, students will be required to attend Maths or English GCSE classes and successfully achieve D or above

Attendance

The apprenticeship framework is delivered over 3 years:

1st Year: Two days at College (in the craft area)

2nd Year: Day release & block weeks at College and employed in the craft

3rd Year: Day release & block weeks at College and employed in the craft

Note: Students that do not meet the required milestones will not progress onto the next level of qualification.

What are my options?

Successful completion of this course will assist students in progressing onto the Register of Manx craftsmen and craftswomen, employment in either the domestic, commercial or industrial sector, start your own business or Level 3 National Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment.

Who should I contact?

Please contact the Programme Area Secretary on 648205 or email applications@ucm.acm