

HNC Built Environment *(SCQF Level 7)*

Full-time (or day release)

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
AFCB	Aberdeen Altens Campus	1 Year

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Engineering, Science and Technology at North East Scotland College. The School provides courses in Engineering, Science, Construction and Automotive Engineering, all of which offer outstanding opportunities for students to attain industry relevant qualifications which enable progression into or within the workplace or onto further study.

We are very fortunate to have state-of-the-art teaching facilities, which means that each and every one of our students will experience industry-focused, high quality and inspirational learning. Our main focus is ensuring that on completion of your course, you are capable and confident when it comes to entering the workplace or progressing towards further study at College or University. We pride ourselves in offering vocationally relevant opportunities for all, whether you are studying at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. We would be delighted to help you achieve your employment aspirations.

Susan Grant, Director of Curriculum for Engineering, Science and Technology

Introduction to the course

This course is designed for those who want to access a related university course, or those who are already working in the industry and wish to build on their skills - perhaps to work towards a promotion. It offers strong, sector-related training which will allow you to acquire the abilities and attributes needed for educational and professional progression.

Entry requirements

Applicants should preferably have two Highers, and Maths and English qualifications at National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level. Successful completion of a related NC course is also acceptable.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will cover a range of subjects relevant to working as a construction professional including site surveying, substructure, superstructure and building science. You will also develop your practical skills in areas such as technical drawing, CAD and measurement and costing.

Subjects include:

- Technical Drawing

- CAD
- Site Surveying
- Measurement and Costing
- Building Science
- Building Services
- Substructure and Superstructure

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year. At the end of the course you will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation.

Dress code

Generally, ordinary clothing is sufficient. However if visiting workshops or building sites, appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and/or outdoor wear will be necessary.

Equipment

You must supply your own equipment and clothing.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress towards a number of related degree programmes at one of our associate universities.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with a wide range of universities from across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

[Find out more about our associate universities in the University Links section of the NESCol website.](#)

University progression

Edinburgh Napier University

- BSc/BSc (Hons) Construction & Project Management year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Building Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Real Estate Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)
- BSc/BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying year 2 (subject to conditions)

The Open University

An HNC can give up to 120 credits towards the 300/360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree/BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours.

Employment

Popular career paths include that of construction, architecture, surveying and project management.

Useful information

Faculty: Construction and Automotive Engineering

School: School of Engineering, Science and Technology

Faculty Manager: Patricia Cromar
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Curriculum & Quality Manager(s): Ian Lussier
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Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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