

National 5 SfW Construction Crafts (Course Code: C218 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Construction Crafts?

Construction is the largest industry in Britain, employing around 2 million people. It employs people in over 20 different craft trades from bricklaying to wall and floor tiling.

Glasgow's successful bid for the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the £3 billion Scottish Transport Investment programme, combined with the knock-on effect of building work for the 2012 Olympics will mean increased demand for construction workers. Employment is expected to grow in Scotland between now and 2012.

Construction Crafts offer good opportunities for those who enjoy:

- using their hands
- learning practical and technical skills
- reading plans and drawings
- working outdoors
- paying attention to detail.

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college. however you would be expected to have attained the following or equivalent:

- **National 4 SfW Construction Crafts**

What will I study?

This course will give you practical experience in several different trades, for example: brickwork, painting and decorating, carpentry and joinery, and plumbing.

The course is made up of three compulsory units and one optional unit.

The compulsory units are:

- Employability Skills
- One Brick Walling
- Bench Joinery

The optional units are

- Plumbing of Sanitary Appliances
- Decorative Painting Techniques

You will learn about

- health and safety issues
- interpreting technical drawings
- brick bonding techniques
- joinery jointing
- assembling, fitting and fixing sanitary ware such as wash hand basins
- decorative painting techniques
- employability skills such as timekeeping, taking instructions and measuring

Where will I take the course?

- You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.
- You will have to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on this course, for example: safety footwear (boots or shoes with steel toe caps), safety glasses and a boiler suit or overalls.

Work experience/placements

Due to health and safety requirements it is not normally possible to arrange a construction work experience placement for young people. However, where possible, you may be able to visit sites or construction companies.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be based on a range of practical workshop activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Tutors will observe and keep records of your work. Some assessment may be done online using an e-portfolio system.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

Employment /Training

- A Modern Apprenticeship leading to a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) at SCQF Levels 5 to 6 in various construction crafts.

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time National Certificate (NC) or National Qualification (NQ) in construction such as Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Construction Foundation Taster, Construction Skills or General Building at a local college of further education.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Construction