

## Engineering Technician (ST0457) Level 3 Apprenticeship

Engineering Technicians in the Aerospace, Aviation, Automotive, Maritime Defence and wider Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Sector are predominantly involved in highly skilled, complex work.

Engineering Technicians take responsibility for the quality and accuracy of the work they undertake within the limits of their personal authority. They also need to be able to demonstrate a core set of behaviours in order to be competent in their job role, complement wider business strategy and development. This will enable them to support their long-term career development.

Engineered and manufactured products and systems that Engineering Technicians work on could involve mechanical, electrical, electronic, electromechanical and fluid power components/systems.

### Expected course duration

**4 years.**

### College attendance

For both Bedford and Leighton Buzzard they attend 2 days per week for the 1<sup>st</sup> year then 1 day per week for year 2 and 3. *Corby TBC.*

### When can the apprentice start employment?

August for September start or February for March start (Leighton Buzzard only).

### When can the apprenticeship training start?

September only in Bedford and September and March in Leighton Buzzard.

## Course Content

### Year 1 Foundation Competence Units Level 2 – Mechanical route:

- Complying with statutory regulations and organisational safety requirements
- Working efficiently and effectively in an engineering environment
- Using and communicating technical information
- Conducting business improvement activities
- Producing components using hand fitting techniques
- Producing mechanical assemblies
- Preparing and using lathes for turning operations
- Preparing and using milling machines
- Preparing and using semi-automatic MIG, MAG and flux cored arc welding equipment
- Producing sheet metal components and assemblies

**Electrical Route:**

- Complying with statutory regulations and organisational safety requirements
- Working efficiently and effectively in an engineering environment
- Using and communicating technical information
- Conducting business improvement activities
- Producing components using hand fitting techniques
- Wiring and testing electrical equipment and circuits
  
- Wiring and testing programmable controller based systems
- Assembling and testing electronic circuits
- Maintaining electronic equipment/systems
- Forming and Assembling Electrical Cable Enclosure and Support Systems

**AME Level 3 Units****Electrical route:**

- Health and Safety in the Engineering Workplace
- Mathematics for Engineering Technicians
- Principles and Applications of Electronic Devices and Circuits
- Electronic Measurement and Testing
- Electrical and Electronic Principles in Engineering
- Communications for Engineering Technicians
- Engineering Project
- Further Engineering Mathematics
- Selecting and Using Programmable Controllers
- Further Electrical Principles
- Industrial Robot Technology

**Mechanical Route:**

- Health and Safety in the Engineering Workplace
- Mathematics for Engineering Technicians
- Properties and Applications of Engineering Materials
- Mechanical Principles of Engineering Systems
- Engineering Drawing for Technicians
- Communications for Engineering Technicians
- Engineering Project
- Further Engineering Mathematics
- Electro-pneumatic and Hydraulic Systems and Devices
- Further Mechanical Principles and Applications
- Applications of Mechanical Systems in Engineering

## Entry requirements

Minimum grade 4 in Maths and English.

**Other requirements**

To be working within an Engineering environment.

## What training is required in the workplace?

### Knowledge:

- understanding the importance of complying with statutory, quality, organisational and health and safety regulations
- understanding of general engineering/manufacturing mathematical and scientific principles, methods, techniques, graphical expressions, symbols formulae and calculations used by engineering technicians
- understanding the structure, properties and characteristics of common materials used in the sector
- understanding the typical problems that may arise within their normal work activities/environment
- understanding approved diagnostic methods and techniques used to help solve e engineering/manufacturing problems
- understanding the importance of only using current approved processes, procedures, documentation and the potential implications for the organisation if this is not adhered to
- understanding and interpreting relevant engineering/manufacturing data and documentation in order to complete their job role
- understanding the different roles and functions in the organisation and how they interact.
- understanding why it is important for an organisation to continually review their processes and procedures.

### Skills:

- obtaining, checking and using the appropriate documentation (such as job instructions, drawings, quality control documentation)
- working safely at all times, complying with health, safety and environmental legislation, regulations and organisational requirements
- planning and where applicable obtaining all the resources required to undertake the work activity
- undertaking the work activity using the correct processes, procedures and equipment
- carrying out the required checks (such as quality, compliance or testing) using the correct procedures, processes and/or equipment
- dealing promptly and effectively with engineering/manufacturing problems within the limits of their responsibility using approved diagnostic methods and techniques and report those which cannot be resolved to the appropriate personnel
- completing any required documentation using the defined recording systems at the appropriate stages of the work activity
- restoring the work area on completion of the activity and where applicable return any resources and consumables to the appropriate location.

## Further study and career options

### Course progression:

Level 4 Engineering Standard to fulfil additional job role/responsibilities on completion of level 3 outcomes and EPA

## Campuses

Study is available at our Bedford College, Tresham Corby and Central Bedfordshire Leighton Buzzard campus.

## Further details

For more information, please visit here:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/engineering-technician-v1-1>

## How to apply

Through the apprenticeship vacancy page of our website:

<https://bedfordcollegegroup.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

and the national apprenticeship website:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>