

If you...	You can do...	Example qualifications	It will take...	Then you can move on to
Don't have any qualifications	Entry level courses	Foundation learning • entry level awards • certificates or diplomas	Different amounts of time depending on which qualification you do. Check with your college or training centre	Level 1 courses • traineeships
Have a few qualifications	Level 1 courses	Traineeships • Level 1 diplomas • personal development programmes • skills for working life	Up to one year	Level 2 courses
Have three to five GCSEs mostly grades 2 to 3 or at least a merit for a full Level 1 course	Level 2 courses	GCSEs • BTEC first award / certificate or diploma • cambridge technicals • intermediate apprenticeship	Up to one year	Level 3 courses • employment
Have 5 plus GCSEs grade 4 to 9 (including Maths and English) or at least a merit for a full Level 2 course	Level 3 courses	A Levels • IB • Pre-U • Bacc Level 3 award • certificate or diploma • cambridge technicals • advanced apprenticeship	Up to two years	University specialist training • higher apprenticeships • employment