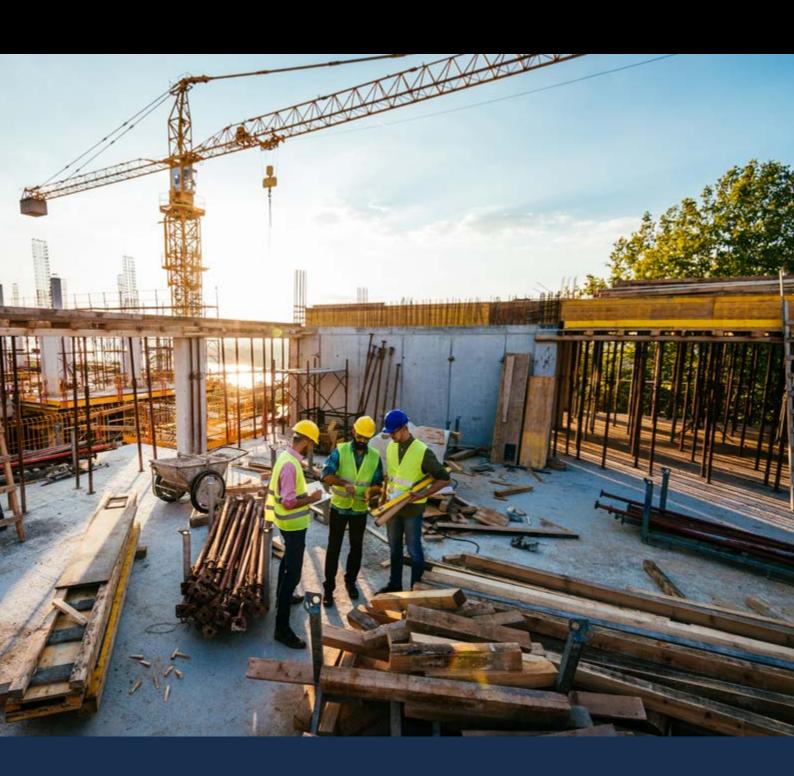
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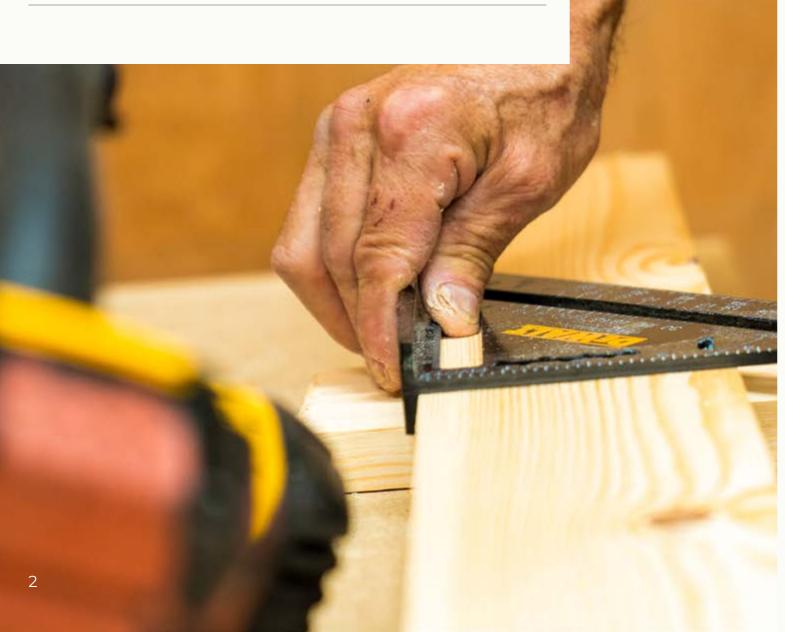






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Construction at The Manchester College



Get career ready from day one

Our courses are designed with employability in mind, giving you real-world skills for roles in bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, painting and decorating, plumbing, site management and more - all linked to Greater Manchester's innovative construction sector.



Learn from industry experts

You'll be taught by experienced tutors who bring real construction knowledge into the classroom, helping you understand what employers are looking for right now. Find out more about your tutors on our website: **tmc.ac.uk/construction-engineering**.



Experience construction in action

Through work placements, employer-led projects and visits to top employers, you'll build practical experience that looks great on your CV.



Discover what inspires you

Start with a solid construction foundation, then specialise in areas that match your goals and interests as you progress – from health and safety to surveying and planning.



Go beyond the classroom

Take part in enrichment activities, enterprise challenges and networking events that develop your confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills - all key for success in the construction sector.



Job figures



There were approx. **70,156** employees working in the construction sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **3.1%** by 2028.



Average earnings

Average wage in Greater Manchester is £39,889 per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **14,878** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs
Bricklayer
Electrician
Groundworker
Heating Engineer
Joiner
Labourer
Plant Operator
Plumber
Project Manager
Quantity Surveyor

Skills needed
AutoCAD
Communication
Customer service
Detail oriented
Management
Planning
Procurement
Project management
Quantity surveying
Subcontracting

Examples of GM Employers
Balfour Beatty
Bouygues UK
CBRE
Costain Group
Kier
Laing-O-Rourke
Lendlease
MWH Treatment
Wates
Wilmott Dixon

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers information

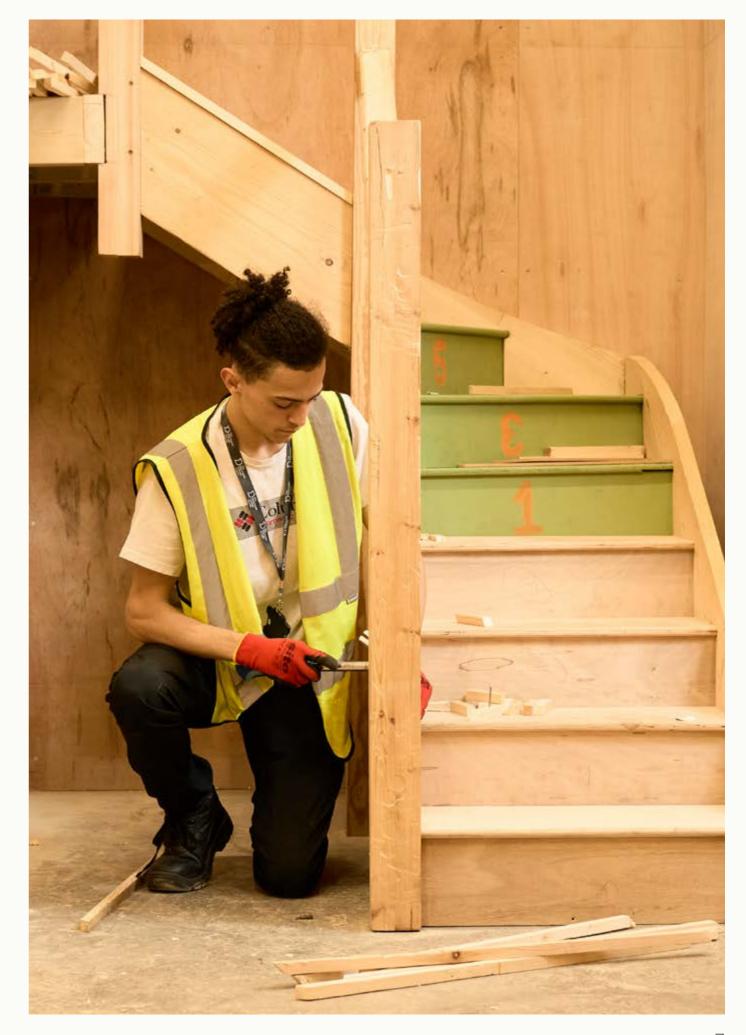




We get more experience
than I ever imagined.
My tutors have been
so supportive,
they push us to be
the best we can be.



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Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms and vibrant social spaces, you can study Construction courses at a number of campuses across Manchester.



- 25 specialist construction workshops
- Bespoke areas for:
 - > Brickwork
 - > Plastering
 - > Plumbing
 - > Carpentry and Joinery
 - > Painting and Decorating

- Access to our Innovation Lab
- 30-station gym and strength and conditioning room
- Bookable sports hall and 3G pitch with spectator seating
- Dedicated coffee bar serving Starbucks
- Street food-style lunch options.





- Newly developed bespoke workshops for bricklaying
- Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure parttime or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:









Discover where construction can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the construction sector through:

- · Q&A sessions with people currently working in the industry
- Guest masterclasses, lectures and workshops led by experts in their field
- Trade fairs to understand career routes and hidden jobs
- 'Careers Days' including taking part in live demonstrations with industry experts
- 'Day in the life' events to understand different career paths and job roles
- Regional and national trips to construction sites.





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This will help you decide which path to take after your course – whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship, going straight into employment, or setting up your own construction business.



Courses

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3, including T Levels. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.



Brickwork and Bricklaying

As a bricklayer, you'll see the results of your work for years to come. Our courses cover all the essentials – from mastering the craft and estimating costs to working safely and professionally to industry standards. You'll also develop key skills through handson training and gain valuable real-world experience, preparing you for a successful career in construction. Whether you're building walls, structures or entire properties, our courses will give you the foundation you'll need to start strong in the trade.

Bricklaying

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Pathway to Brickwork

Level 1 | Openshaw and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Carpentry and Joinery

Interested in a career in carpentry or joinery? Learn the essential skills, knowledge and behaviours needed in the construction industry and gain a recognised qualification. You'll train in everything from first fix flooring, roofing and partitions to second fixing and carpentry maintenance. You'll also learn how to set up and use power tools. On completion, you could work on a wide range of projects – from staircases to timber frame buildings. Our courses will prepare you for real-world industry work.

Carpentry and Joinery

Level 3 | Openshaw | 1 year

Carpentry and Joinery

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Pathway to Carpentry and Joinery

Level 1 | Openshaw and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Plastering

Skilled plasterers are always in demand and our courses will equip you with the skills and qualifications to succeed. You'll learn to apply plaster to interiors, fix dry linings and plasterboards and understand essential safety practices. As you progress, you'll deepen your knowledge and have the option to specialise in solid or fibrous plastering. By the end of one of our courses, you'll be ready to start your career or even set up your own business in this highly valued construction trade.

Plastering

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Pathway to Plastering

Level 1 | Openshaw | 1 year

Plumbing

Our plumbing qualifications will give you a strong foundation in the construction industry with a focus on plumbing. You'll learn to work safely in practical settings while developing key technical skills and professional behaviours. By the end of the course, you'll be confident in measuring and cutting materials, jointing and soldering copper and plastic pipes and building frames to exact tolerances. You'll also learn how to select and use tools correctly to install a range of bathroom fittings, preparing you for a plumbing career.

Plumbing

Level 2 | Openshaw | 1 year

Pathway to Plumbing

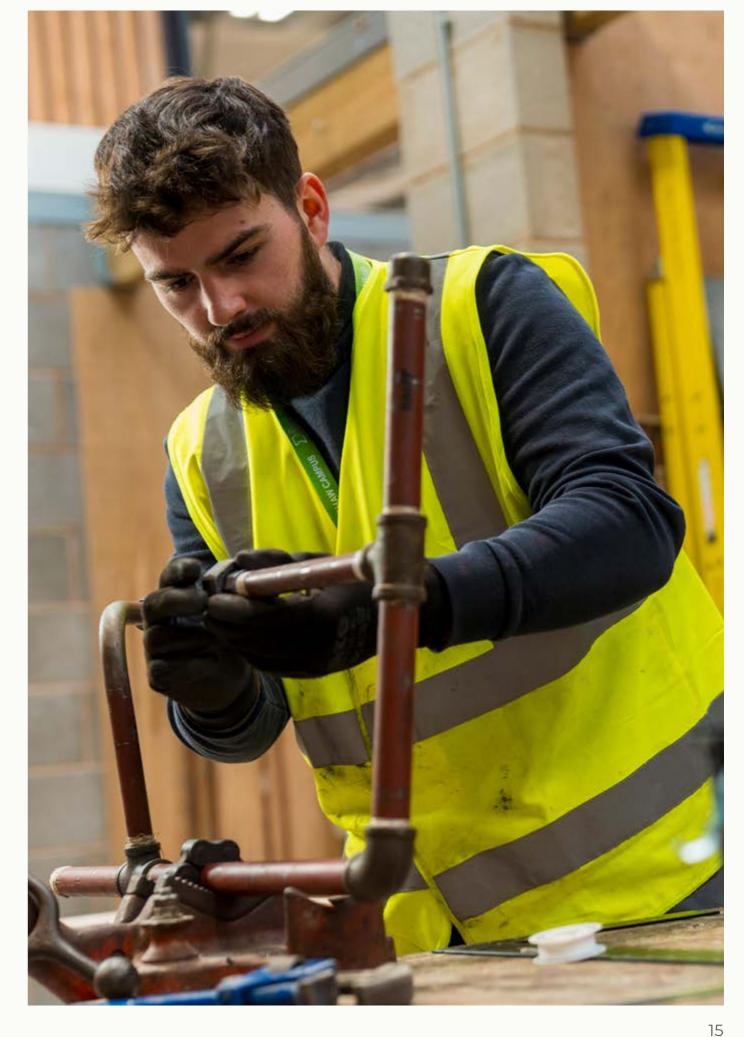
Level 1 | Openshaw | 1 year

Interested in Engineering?

Explore our full range of engineering qualifications – just scan the QR code to view our website.



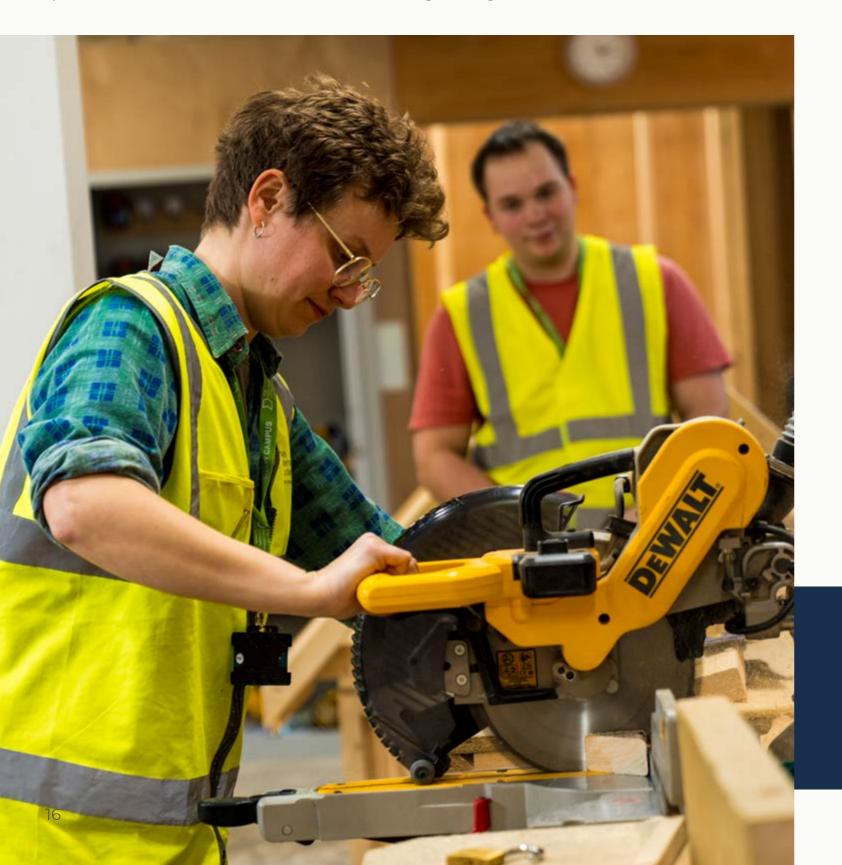




Courses for Adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your construction? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.

We believe finances shouldn't be a barrier to your success, so if you have any questions about course fees, finance or funding, then get in touch with us.



Plumbing

- Pathway to Plumbing Level 1 | Openshaw
- Plumbing Level 2 | Openshaw

Carpentry and Joinery

• Carpentry and Joinery Level 2 and 3 | Openshaw







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SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning







Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk





DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3
Diplomas, you'll have the opportunity to progress
onto a degree-level qualification through our
higher education partner – UCEN Manchester.

You can study one of our construction HNCs part-time:

HNC Construction Management for England - 2 years

or our engineering HNCs, either full or part-time:

HNC Civil Engineering - 1 year HNC Engineering for England - 1 year



For more information or to apply visit ucenmanchester.ac.uk



How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you'll be on your journey to amazing in no time.



What's next?

You've explored what's possible, now it's time to take your next steps.

To discover more about Construction, and to start your application, scan the QR code or visit: **tmc.ac.uk/construction-engineering**.





Visit us

There's no better way to get a feel for college than visiting in person.

Join us at one of our open events to:

- Learn more about our courses
- Tour our industry-standard facilities
- Meet our expert tutors
- Ask any questions you may have.

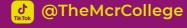
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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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03333 222 444

All course information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk.









The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.