

CONSTRUCTION



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The
Manchester
College®
be amazing

**WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE COLLEGE IN GREATER
MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study

Construction at The Manchester College



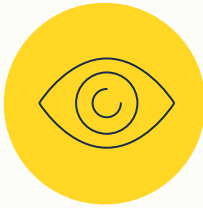
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

Our achievement rates are the highest of all colleges in Greater Manchester for the 8th year running and we're one of the top 3 in the country.*



Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study. **



Ofsted recognition

In our most recent Ofsted inspection, we were rated 'Good' overall and 'Strong' for our contribution to skills.



Over 1,000 employer partners

We work with employers across lots of industries, so you can build your confidence through a meaningful work placement, industry talks and live projects.



Get career ready from day one

Designed with your next step in mind, our courses help you build real-world skills, confidence and experience so you're ready for work, an apprenticeship or university.

* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

**Latest Internal Progression Data.



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

The 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.

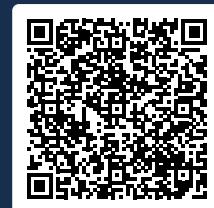
Types of jobs
Bricklayer
Electrician
Groundworker
Heating Engineer
Joiner
Labourer
Maintenance Operator
Plumber
Project Manager
Quantity Surveyor

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

Examples of GM Employers
Savills
Cara group
Equans
Manchester Settlement
McGoff
Morgan Sindall
PLP Construction
Sisk Construction
Tyson Building Contract
Connolly Scaffolding
Vector Homes
Willmott Dixon
Vinci

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers information



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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 our campuses across Manchester.



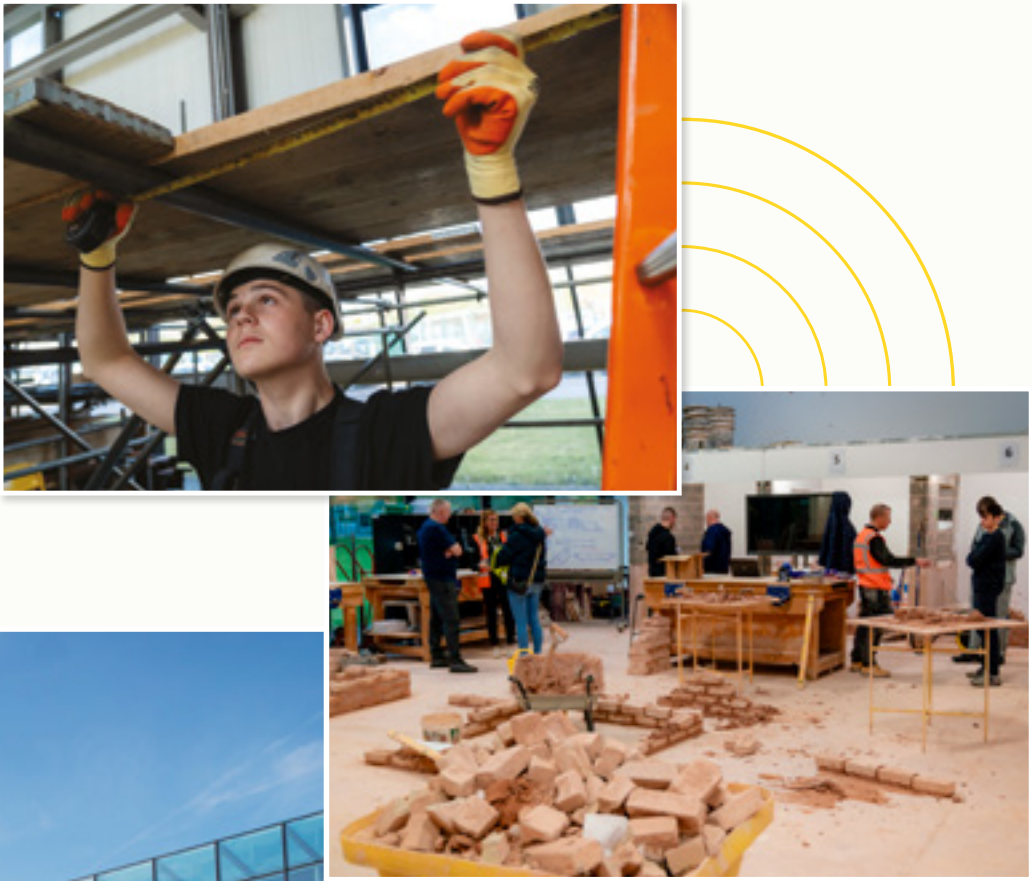
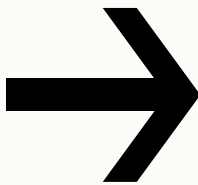




Get Directions



- 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.







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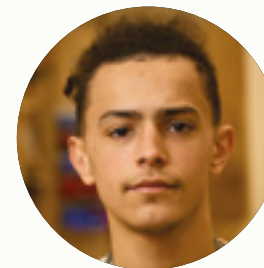


Wythenshawe

- Brand new 353m² brick workshop
- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- Spacious social areas and large garden
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



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



Malakei
Level 2 Carpentry
and Joinery

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 part-time 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.



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.



What you can study

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll also work towards achieving this alongside your main course.



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 hands-on 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 and Wythenshawe | 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

Maintenance Operations

Our Level 2 Maintenance Operations course provides a strong foundation for a career in the construction and facilities sector. You'll develop practical skills, technical knowledge and professional behaviours needed to work confidently across a range of maintenance roles. The course combines hands-on training with essential theory, preparing you for real-world environments. You'll gain experience in key areas including tiling, painting and decorating, brickwork, plumbing, and carpentry, learning to carry out repairs and planned maintenance tasks safely and effectively. By the end of the course, you'll be equipped with the multi-skilled expertise employers are looking for.

Maintenance Operations

- Level 2 | Openshaw | 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.



**Find out
more here**



Courses for adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in 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.



Plumbing

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

Carpentry and Joinery

- Carpentry and Joinery
Level 2 and 3 | Openshaw

Maintenance operations

- Level 2 | Openshaw



Got a question about funding?
Get in touch with our friendly team.



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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.



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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

Thinking about your next step after college?
Discover degree-level courses that'll get you ready for anything.

ROOTED in the NORTH

school of sport, health and wellbeing Salford Quays
Spinningfields MANC Curry Afflecks
football The Ritz mile The Smiths
PICCADILLY GARDENS CHINA TOWN oasis media city
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LAW the lowry
MUSIC UCEN MANCHESTER
Chorlton ARDEN SCHOOL OF THEATRE
WAREHOUSE Parklife PRINTWORKS
PROJECT PRIDE Manchester film school
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND CYBERSECURITY northern soul
school of construction and engineering FACTORY RECORDS art galleries
Castlefield bridgewater hall
CANAL STREET
BELIEVE IN DIFFERENT school of art, media and make-up



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DEGREES**

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DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3 Diplomas at College, you'll have the opportunity to progress on to our degree-level qualifications through our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester.

STUDY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Benefit from hands-on, practical learning, small class sizes and state-of-the-art facilities.

You'll cover a range of topics, including:

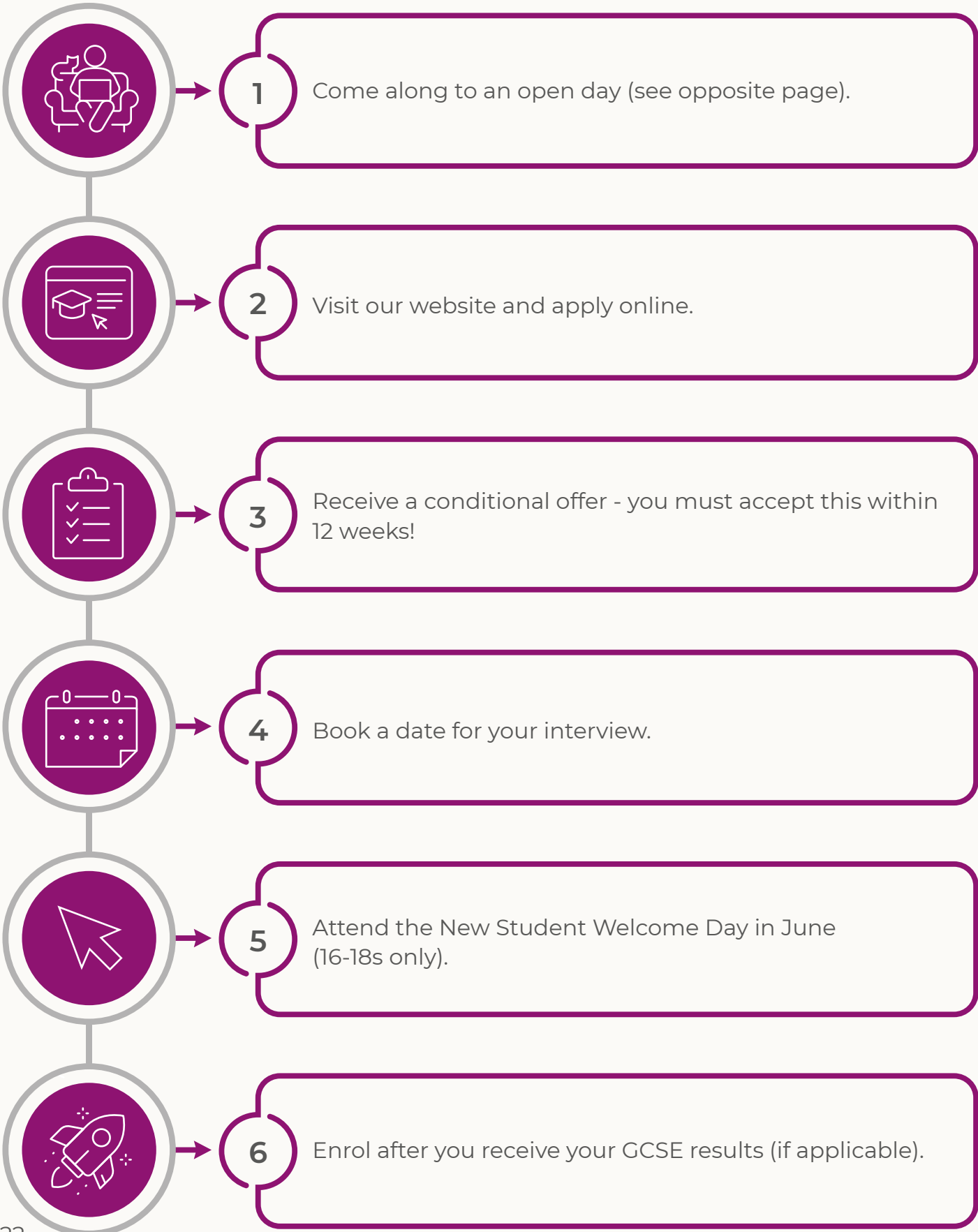
- > Legal and statutory requirements in construction
- > Building information modelling
- > Construction technology
- > The construction environment.



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

Your next steps

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.



Open events

Come and see what makes us the number one College in Greater Manchester* for yourself.

Open events are the perfect place to speak to our tutors, explore our amazing facilities and chat to our support teams.

	School Leavers	Adults
	Tuesday 6 October 5-7pm	
	Saturday 14 November 10am-1pm	
	Thursday 4 March 5-7pm	
		Thursday 20 May 5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



* National Achievement Rates Tables.





Find us on social



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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All 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.

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