



# Study programmes explained

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# What is a study programme?

All learners funded through the 16-19 formula must be enrolled on a study programme with a minimum number of 540 planned learning hours (PLH).

NCFE's technical study programmes provide learners with a high quality, holistic experience tailored to their individual needs.



## Core aim

A substantial level 2 or 3 qualification that constitutes at least half of a learner's programme, i.e. over 270 PLH.



## Non-qualification activities

Employability, enrichment and pastoral (EEP) work that complements learning and enhances transferable skills and confidence.



## English and maths

All learners aged 16-19, who do not hold at least a GCSE grade 4, are required to study English and maths as part of their study programme.



## Work experience

This is a key component in developing skills for work. You should offer learners experience that's relevant to their career goals and local employment prospects.



## Which NCFE qualifications can be a core aim?

NCFE has a range of Level 2 and 3 technical qualifications in nested suites designed to develop knowledge and skills for employment. Teaching is largely classroom based, although many courses include a work placement. We recommend a core aim of:

- One substantial technical qualification: usually a diploma or extended diploma of more than 270 PLH
- A combination of smaller technical qualifications: usually certificates that complement each other and add up to over 270 PLH.

## How can NCFE help you develop a high quality EEP programme?

Choose from our comprehensive suite of blended learning modules, each representing 2 PLH.

- Designed to be delivered in tutorial time
- Fully resourced with session plans provided
- Covering a variety of areas such as employability, digital skills, enterprise, personal development and more
- These resources come as standard with a core aim at no extra cost.

## What about learners who have not achieved a grade 4 in maths or English?

We offer Functional Skills qualifications in both English and maths from entry level 1 to level 2.

## Is there anything else NCFE can offer our learners?

- Do your learners want to progress to higher education? Consider offering our level 3 qualifications in Higher Level Studies.
- Take a proactive approach to learners' mental health. [Find out about our partnership with Fika](#), an innovative mental fitness app to improve outcomes for your students and staff.