

Skills for Life with Tameside College - What can I expect?

Suitability: - anyone who doesn't have GCSE English and Maths (grades A* - C) or GCE, CSE Level 1, or for anyone who has achieved these qualifications more than 3 years ago and would like to brush-up their skills and/ or gain access to further qualifications.

Assessment: -

The first part of your course will involve completing an Initial Assessment and Diagnostic which indicates your current level of capability and helps your tutor position your skills against the National Standards for Adult Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments will provide more in-depth information about your strengths and weaknesses, enabling tutors to design a programme of work covering everything you need to brush up on to achieve your qualification. All the results are fed back to you on a 1:1 basis and are kept completely confidential.

How will I be taught?: -

You will have an Individual Learning Plan detailing your individual strengths and weaknesses and the topics you will be covering in your course. Then your programme of learning will include various activities including a mix of paper based exercises, games and quizzes on a computer, presentations, group activities and discussions. The duration of your training will be between 9 and 35 hours and the sessions usually last 2 or 3 hours each week.

Your English programme can include: -

- Using different reading styles and styles of writing
- Construction of sentences using correct grammar
- Spell words and punctuate sentences correctly
- Proof-read your own work

Your Maths programme can include: -

- Whole numbers
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Common measures, shape and space
- Use tables, charts, diagrams
- Money and converting currencies

Your Qualification

Your tutor will assess you and when the time is right and you feel you are ready we will enter you for your end test. This will take place on a computer and the pass mark for the end test is 75%. You will have several practise tests to complete so you will become familiar with the style of the test and the time you have to complete it.

Achievement

When you have passed your test you will receive a City & Guilds National Certificate in Adult Literacy and/or Numeracy at either Level 1 or 2.

Adult English and Maths Tests	GCSE
Level 1	D - G grade
Level 2	A* - C grade

Do I need to pay anything?: -

No, these courses are completely free of charge.

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