



# Carpentry Level 1

The Certificate in Carpentry Level 1 qualification will allow you to prepare for a career in the Construction Industry. Students will gain an understanding of the industry in general as well as an insight into the various career options.

We have strong links within the industry and work with companies such as K&D Joinery, Willmott Dixon and thinkFOUND.

Waltham Forest College is putting sustainability at the heart of everything that we do, and in this course, you will also learn about sustainable materials, re-using and upcycling materials within a construction environment, waste management, different types of insulation for construction, passive houses (membranes to avoid heat loss). Additionally, within plumbing courses you will learn about air source heat pumps, the benefit of using rainwater harvesting, and solar thermal integration into new housing developments.

The course is scheduled 3 days per week and 75% of the course will be practical.

- [Sector Overview](#)

Carpenters and joiners use their skills to make structures and fittings such as windows, doors, stairs, furniture and shop fittings from wood and other materials.

Carpenters cut, shape and join wood using a wide range of tools and often use power tools and cutting machines.

Within Waltham Forest, and the wider London region, there are always new projects such as new housing developments, shopping centres, commercial/industrial centres or urban regeneration projects. Our courses will prepare you for these challenges.

- [Entry Requirements](#)

The entry requirements for this course are:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (E) or above including maths and English
- Assessment and interview

If required, you will study GCSE or Functional Skills maths and/or English alongside your course so you can progress onto the next level.

- [What will I study?](#)

This course consists of the following modules:

- Health and safety
- Principles in construction
- Maintain and use carpentry hand tools
- Prepare and use carpentry portable power tools
- Produce woodworking joints

- [How will I be assessed?](#)

You will be assessed via:

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- Written tasks
- Practical activity
- [Enrichment](#)  
To further enhance your progression, you will actively participate in internal and external skills competitions, such as SkillBuild.  
You will take part in trips and visits such as Future Build and UK Construction Week. You will also have access to key employers that deliver guest lectures to help build your industry knowledge and contacts.  
Waltham Forest College is an accredited CSCS Test Centre and we will help you to obtain a CSCS card.  
As part of your course, you will learn about employability, sustainability & energy efficiency and health and safety which will provide you with the most up-to-date knowledge to gain work within the industry.
- [Work Experience](#)  
You must complete 36 hours (1 week) of external work placement which is an essential part of the programme. Some of the opportunities will include placements with employers such as K&D Joinery, Willmott Dixon and thinkFOUND.
- [Progression opportunities](#)  
Successful completion on this course will lead to:
  - Carpentry Level 2
  - Apprenticeship training programmes
- [Alumni](#)  
Waltham Forest College is a vibrant and aspirational college and will support you to reach your career aspirations. Last year 96% of learners progressed onto a positive destination either to higher levels of study, employment, or an Apprenticeship.

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