

PETROC

TIVERTON PROSPECTUS
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It's not about where you are, it's where you can go.
Your future starts here.

WELCOME

The last few years have shown us that your location should never be a barrier to achieving excellence in learning and securing your career ambitions.

At Petroc, we have created a campus and a curriculum in the heart of the beautiful Mid Devon countryside that offers a leading approach to further education. One that embraces the evolving nature of enterprise and prepares our students for the next steps on their career pathway through our Learning for Life approach.

Set alongside the banks of the River Exe in Mid Devon and benefitting from easily accessible bus, train and road links, Petroc Tiverton has an enviable location. With a bustling town setting we are also just a stone's throw from the stunning Devon countryside, giving you the best of both worlds.

Sean Mackney, Principal and CEO

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PROVIDING A PATHWAY TO VALUABLE, MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Whether your qualifications need to take you around the world or just down the road, you'll find your next steps are made easier at Petroc. Our Curriculum for the Community offers an exciting and innovative approach to learning. Identifying and promoting skills that offer you a sustainable career path and actively contribute to the local economy.

Devon is an incredible place to live and work and we're doing our bit to help a skilled and dynamic workforce find and keep their place here in the county. We have forged partnerships with local businesses to create opportunities for students and graduates and build prosperity in the community. These vital connections help us to offer progressive career pathways across a wide variety of sectors and as local business needs evolve, so do our learning and teaching strategies.

Our academic and vocational courses and apprenticeship programmes boast exceptional success rates, earning us a county-wide reputation for providing some of the top learning experiences here in the South West.

The majority of your learning will take place on our exciting and beautiful Tiverton campus which has been designed to reflect the Devon countryside and create a comprehensive environment for work, study and leisure. Petroc Tiverton boasts a beautiful riverside location with extensive green spaces and a wide variety of facilities including an onsite gym, social hubs and a digital learning centre.

We know that further education is so much more than classrooms and coursework. That's why our approach is to deliver Learning for Life. Enhancing and developing skills, opening up meaningful opportunities and setting you on the path to a valuable and exciting career.

Where do you want to go?



MAXIMUM FOUR DAY TIMETABLE
FOR FULL-TIME LEARNERS

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WHICH LEVEL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Below is a guide to the qualification levels available to you at Petroc.

Each level has specific entry requirements which you can view on page 5.

ENTRY LEVEL: Gives you access to Level 1 qualifications and employment. Qualifications include personalised outcomes to enable you to progress.

LEVEL 1: Gives you access to Level 2 qualifications, apprenticeships and employment. It includes vocational qualifications and Functional Skills.

LEVEL 2: Gives you access to Level 3 qualifications, apprenticeships and employment. Qualifications include GCSEs, vocational qualifications and apprenticeships.

LEVEL 3: Gives you access to university, higher apprenticeships or skilled employment. Qualifications include T-levels, A-levels, vocational qualifications, advanced apprenticeships, and Access to Higher Education Diplomas.

LEVELS 4-6 are university-level qualifications:

LEVEL 4: Includes Foundation degrees (Year 1), Honours degrees (Year 1), Higher Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships, HNCs and Professional Qualifications.

LEVEL 5: Includes Foundation degrees (Year 2), Honours degrees (Year 2), Higher Apprenticeships, Degree Apprenticeships and Professional Qualifications.

LEVEL 6: Includes Honours degrees (Final Year) and Degree Apprenticeship.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The entry requirements detailed below are a guide only. During the application process, we will ask you about your predicted grades which we will use to offer you the most appropriate level course.

Should you go on to achieve a higher or lower grade, we may adjust the level of your course accordingly to help you achieve your best result. Some courses will require specific/additional grades – please see course details for more information.

ENTRY LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMMES

For all learners joining Entry Level Study Programmes, there are no formal entry requirements, however, you will have a one-to-one interview to discuss your personal learning needs. You will also be required to study English and Maths at an appropriate level to suit your ability.

LEVEL 1 STUDY PROGRAMMES

You must hold four GCSEs at grade 2 or equivalent (or above), preferably including Maths and English. If you do not have a GCSE grade 4 in Maths and/or English, you'll continue studying these subjects alongside your chosen course(s). At the end of the year, you are expected to have completed and achieved all the components of your Level 1 Study Programme and improved your Maths and English skills (where applicable) before progressing on to your next course.

LEVEL 2 STUDY PROGRAMMES

All entrants must hold four GCSEs at grade 3 or equivalent (or above), preferably including GCSE Maths and English. If you do not have a GCSE grade 4 in Maths and/or English you will continue studying these subjects alongside your chosen course(s). At the end of the year, you are expected to have completed and achieved all the components of your Level 2 Study Programme and improved your Maths and English skills before progressing to your next level course.

LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES

To be accepted onto a Level 3 programme, you must hold at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including GCSE Maths and English Language. Certain subjects require higher grade profiles, these are detailed on our website.

LEVEL 4, 5 & 6 STUDY PROGRAMMES

Every Higher Education course will have its own specific entry requirements – please take a look at your chosen course on our website for more details.

Whilst the majority of degree programmes require 56 UCAS points, other skills and training may be taken into account such as relevant employment experience.

COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

Choosing a course and starting at college can sometimes feel a little daunting, but don't worry - we're here to help you every step of the way.

Take a look at the step-by-step guide below to understand the process, what you need to do, and how we can support you. If you need more information, just take a look at our website, or contact our Advice & Guidance Team.

1. EXPLORE

Take a look through this guide to find the course that's right for you and your aspirations. Get involved in our open events where you can speak to lecturers and current students, and explore our campuses. It might also help to have a chat with your friends, family, teachers and careers advisors about your thoughts and plans.

2. APPLY

Once you have decided which course(s) you'd like to undertake, you can apply for them online. You can apply for up to four courses. We'll then send you an application confirmation email.

4. INTERVIEW

You'll then be invited to Petroc to find out more about your course and how it will benefit you. We'll also discuss your predicted grades and any support you may need, as well as other opportunities available such as trips, visits, Academies and enrichment programmes. Once we've met you, we'll offer you a place on a course, subject to the usual entry requirements.

3. DOWNLOAD

The myPetroc app will enable you to track your application and upload key documents and information as your application progresses. You'll be provided with login details in your application confirmation email.

5. PREPARE

As the start of term approaches, we'll be in touch to remind you to upload your results, order your books and equipment, arrange your DBS checks (if required), and undertake any relevant work experience. If you don't get the grades you expected, don't panic, just contact us on Results Day and we'll talk you through your options.

6. START

At the start of the new term at Petroc, there's always loads of great opportunities to meet new friends and join new clubs to help you get the most out of college life. If you have any questions or concerns when you join us, college staff will be on hand to help and guide you.

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SUPPORTING YOU & YOUR LEARNING

Starting at college can be an exciting yet daunting experience for many; new buildings, new teachers, new friends. But it can also be a place to grow, reinvent yourself, meet like-minded people and fulfil your ambitions. Petroc is committed to ensuring all students learn in a safe and friendly environment by providing the support needed to shine and succeed on your journey with us, and beyond.

ACCESSIBILITY

We're here to help make your life easier so that you can focus on learning and developing. Our campuses are accessible for wheelchair users with ramps and lifts situated throughout the college. We also have fixed and portable loop systems available to assist those who wear a hearing aid and we can supply written materials in different formats.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Our dedicated teams are on hand to help you with any specific learning needs and/or disabilities you may have. Our SEND team will coordinate support for students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). The college also has designated areas to support students with autism.

CAREERS SUPPORT

Our dedicated careers specialist offers independent, impartial advice through one-to-one appointments and workshops to give you some top tips to take your best step forward*. This includes guidance on career planning, post-course options, course choice, university choice and UCAS personal statements, as well as supporting you with job searches and application. (Following the Gatsby careers benchmarks*)

CHILDCARE

The Government runs a scheme called 'Care to Learn' for students who need childcare support and who are aged under 20 at the start of their course. Please contact the Advice & Guidance Centre to find out more.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Petroc is an open and inclusive college that values diversity and prides itself on its zero tolerance towards discrimination of any kind. As a student of Petroc, you will have the opportunity to further explore and celebrate equality and diversity through your study programme and enrichment activities.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Education is free for all students who are aged 16-18 (on 31 August of the year you start your course). There may be additional costs for books or travel, but don't let money matters stop you from coming to college; if you need financial help to cover the costs of studying or travel, we may be able to help you. Look for more details about the Bursary Fund or bus passes on our website, or call our friendly Advice & Guidance Team for more information.

SAFEGUARDING

We take the safeguarding of everyone at college extremely seriously and our team is here to protect your health, wellbeing and human rights. We are also proactive in instilling the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, and respect and tolerance. Our Safeguarding Team is always on hand to support any student in need.

SUSTAINABILITY

Petroc is passionate about sustainability and is committed to tackling the climate emergency through our connections to employers and communities across the region. The college is signed up to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals and has been awarded the Planet Mark certification for recognising our commitment to continuous improvement in sustainability.

WELLBEING

Petroc is passionate about supporting both the physical and mental fitness of our students. We have an experienced wellbeing team on hand that provides a free, confidential service throughout your time at college, giving you the help you need to attain the success you deserve.

Contact our friendly Advice & Guidance Team for more information:

01884 235330
guidancecentretiverton@petroc.ac.uk

TRAVEL

Students from **Tiverton High School**, **Uffculme School** and **Cullompton School** who will be travelling more than three miles from home to study a Petroc course – either in Tiverton or North Devon are eligible for a **free Stagecoach SW Gold term-rider student bus pass**. This will enable you to apply for any course at any campus, as well as the opportunity to get involved in our range of enrichment activities.

For more travel information, please visit petroc.ac.uk/travel

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COLLEGE LIFE

ACADEMIES

Petroc offers a wide range of Academies to suit all our full-time learners. From sports to sustainability to academic topics, our academies will enrich your studies, providing you with a more in-depth understanding of your chosen topic, whether that's to support your CV or for your own personal interests.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The Student Ambassador Team works alongside staff to promote the college within the community. As part of the team, you'll attend careers events within local schools as well as helping to run open events in college. Becoming a Student Ambassador is a great opportunity to meet new people, increase your confidence, gain experience and strengthen your CV.

STUDENT UNION



Our students are at the heart of everything we do. As a student of Petroc, you automatically become a member of the Student Union. The Petroc Student Union (or 'PSU'), is run by a committee of elected students with the sole aim of supporting fellow students with all aspects of college life. You can also become more involved in our community by acting as a Student Representative or Ambassador, giving you the opportunity to develop your skills and work in partnership with our staff teams.

ENRICHMENT

We have lots of opportunities available to enhance your student experience. Petroc and the PSU host an exciting array of activities and groups to develop and expand your interests. They include film screenings, book clubs, discussion groups, sports clubs, social events and volunteering.

Enrichment is an important aspect of your learning experience, and at Petroc Tiverton, you will be able to take part in a range of fun and complementary activities as part of your individual learning plan. This includes the opportunity to take part in two residential trips each academic year - including a trip abroad! We also have a fantastic onsite gym and we're keen to support all learners by providing an individually tailored plan to help you maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Level 2 and 3 learners will also be automatically enrolled onto one of our three Academies which will include employer-led workshops, guest speakers and work placement opportunities to support your future career plan.

NEW!

THE VISION E-NEWSLETTER

Petroc is a community and we want everyone to feel included and informed about what happens on our campuses and beyond. The Vision is our monthly student newsletter which will keep you updated on college events, activities and essential information enabling you to make the most of your time at college, explore new interests and develop your personal skills.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

Petroc is proud to deliver the NCS programme in North Devon and Exeter. NCS is designed especially for 16-and 17-year-olds to help with developing a clearer idea of opportunities available for the future.



SOCIAL

Follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with our news, events and competitions across all our campuses and departments wherever you are. From adventurous trips abroad to inspiring art exhibitions, we're always highlighting the fantastic achievements of our students, staff and local community members.

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that this course guide is correct at the time of going to print, changes may occur to courses offered and/or the services and facilities available. Any such change may result in a difference to the course fee as advertised on our website. In some cases where there are insufficient enrolments, you may be offered the chance to pay a higher fee for the course to continue.

Award and assessment requirements may change and we would advise you to check these prior to enrolment. The college cannot guarantee that completion dates and result notifications for courses that require internal and external verification will always coincide with the end dates of the courses listed.

This publication can be made available in other formats or in languages other than English.

Please refer to petroc.ac.uk for up-to-date information or contact our Advice & Guidance Centre on 01884 235330.

SPECIALIST AREAS

Our Specialisms - Providing a unique learning space for individual needs

At Petroc, we pride ourselves on providing inclusive, bespoke education opportunities tailored to the needs of our learners.

Our campus offers spaces for learning, leisure and socialising - providing a full further education experience in a space that is welcoming and friendly with a community feel.

Our Learning for Life approach helps each student to think about their education, career pathway and work/life balance. Through tailored learning we encourage each individual to make empowered, informed choices about their next steps.

We offer a range of further and higher education, apprenticeships designed to meet a wide variety of needs and industries.

Our Curriculum for The Community has been designed to reflect the business and industry needs of Tiverton and the surrounding areas. Which in turn enhances the number of valuable and sustainable work opportunities available for Petroc graduates and apprentices.

Over the years we have built and maintained strong relationships with a large number of businesses, organisations and charities in our community. These valuable partnerships have informed and shaped our learning environment and the further education experience we offer at Petroc.



KEY

Adult Learning		Full-time	
Apprenticeship		University-level	

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BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT



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A qualification in Business and Management can give you a head-start in almost any career or work environment.

The cornerstone of industry and effective workplace practice, these are increasingly sought after skills in our fast moving, consumer driven world.

If you are looking at a career in business or have aspirations of starting your own innovative enterprise, Petroc can help you develop your talents and forge a successful career.

From project management to finance to human resources, Petroc offers a variety of courses in business and management specialisms that will help you take the next steps towards an exciting career.

FUTURE CAREERS...

- Advertising Executive
- Business Analyst
- Digital Marketer
- Lawyer
- Market Researcher
- Media Buyer
- Mortgage Advisor
- Public Relations Officer

TITLE	STUDY TYPE	LEVEL	CODE
CIPD Foundation Certificate in People Practice	●	3	PTB152
Management & Administration T Level	▲	3	FTT274
Team Leader Supervisor Apprenticeship Standard	●	3	AT75
Improvement Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard	●	4	AT100
Foundation Degree Business	■	5	HET001F
Operations/Departmental Manager Apprenticeship Standard	●	5	AT73
BA (Hons) Professional Development (Business & Management)	■	6	HET119P



The average annual salary for a Business Development Manager is **£35,040**¹

¹ payscale.com

"One of the highlights of the course was taking part in the apprenticeship innovation challenge. The challenge gave us a chance to work in a team and develop key communication skills to help us in our current or new job roles. For the challenge, we had to develop a product and pitch this idea to two judges - and our team won!

What I enjoyed most about studying at Petroc was meeting new people and being able to study alongside my job."

ASHLEY, BUSINESS APPRENTICESHIP



CONSTRUCTION



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The construction industry has experienced phenomenal growth in recent years and has evolved into an increasingly technical work environment, requiring a diverse range of skills and expertise.

From architecture, design, landscaping and town planning to bricklaying, carpentry and engineering, construction holds a wealth of career opportunities where you can make your mark.

From creating your own successful business to working on ground-breaking projects for a multinational contractor, your future in construction starts here.

FUTURE CAREERS...

- Architect
- Building Surveyor
- Construction Manager
- Construction Worker
- Estates Manager
- Furniture Maker
- Quantity Surveyor

TITLE	STUDY TYPE	LEVEL	CODE
Introduction to Bricklaying, Plastering and Carpentry & Joinery	▲	1	FTT293
Bricklaying	▲	2	FTT198
Carpentry	▲	2	FTT244
Carpentry and Joinery (Site Carpentry) Apprenticeship Standard	●	2	AT94
Site Carpentry	●	2	PTT126
Advanced Carpentry & Joinery (Site Carpentry) Advanced Apprenticeship	●	3	AT95
Coming in 2023: Onsite Construction T Level	▲	3	-

On completion of your course, you can continue your studies at our **North Devon campus** where we offer a **Level 4 HNC in Construction**.



The value of construction in Great Britain reached its highest ever level at **£118,977 MILLION¹**



The average annual salary for a Building Surveyor is **£31,241²**

¹ 2019, Office for National Statistics ² payscale.com

"I chose to come to Petroc as they had the course I wanted to do and it was local to home. I started on a buildings skills course then realised I wanted to be a carpenter.

The tutors on my particular course were so helpful, and I worked for an amazing company who worked very closely with the college."

JAMES, WOOD OCCUPATIONS



FOUNDATION LEARNING

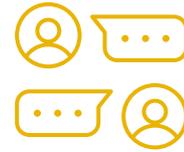


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Our foundation learning programmes are aimed at individuals who may be unsure about what career pathway they want to follow.

Throughout your chosen course, our tutors will support and encourage you to develop both your personal and employability skills, building confidence and learning about which career path is right for you. You will be given the opportunity to access a variety of educational visits and group community-based activities, and at the end of your programme, you will be able to attend personalised celebrations of your achievements.

There are no entry requirements for our Foundation Learning programmes; however, you must be willing and able to learn and engage in a variety of vocational and personal development activities.



Gain **CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS** to enable progression to employment

TITLE	STUDY TYPE	LEVEL	CODE
Entry To Career Skills	▲	1	FTT054
Career Skills	▲	1	FTT055
Advanced Career Skills	▲	2	FTT272
Functional Skills English	●	2	PTT299
Functional Skills Mathematics	●	2	PTT298
GCSE English	●	2	PTT293
GCSE Maths	●	2	PTT294

"RJ joined the Entry to Employment programme (now called Entry to Career Skills) and worked through the course, exploring a number of vocational areas and personal development elements that helped him improve his engagement and attitude towards education.

After completing Entry to Employment, RJ moved onto the Career Skills programme which enabled him to be more independent and work with slightly less support. This was a big step for RJ, as he had to develop his skills in terms of assignment writing, research and action planning.

The improvement in RJ's attendance and attitude was notable and allowed him to further progress onto our Level 2 programme.

RJ is now flying! He puts in maximum effort and is well supported within class to help him achieve his goals. He really wants to progress to work and has absolutely loved the opportunity to develop his expertise and knowledge to the level he wanted to help him get on the path to success."

MARK BEADES, FACULTY MANAGER FOR PROGRESSIVE STUDIES

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



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The health and care sector is one of the largest in the UK, providing support for people living with a range of different needs in a wide variety of settings and care environments.

An in-demand and valuable career that includes everything from nursing to psychology, working in health and care is inspiring and hugely rewarding. Whether your aspirations are to work close to home, or further afield, a health and care qualification at Petroc can help you find a career that makes a real difference in people's lives.

At Petroc our combination of academic study and practical, hands-on experience will develop and enhance your skills and give you the next step towards helping others.

FUTURE CAREERS...

- Adult Support Worker
- Health Visitor
- Midwife
- Rehabilitation Worker
- Social Worker
- Speech & Language Therapist
- Youth Worker

TITLE	STUDY TYPE	LEVEL	CODE
Introduction to Health, Childcare and Education	▲	1	FTT294
Health & Social Care	▲	2	FTT290
Access To HE Diploma: Nursing, Midwifery & Medical Science	●	3	FTT128L
Health & Social Care	▲	3	FTT292
Healthcare Assistant Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard	●	5	AT109
Nursing Associate Apprenticeship Standard	●	5	AT117
BA (Honours) Professional Development (Childhood Studies)	■	6	HET114
BA (Honours) Professional Development (Health & Social Care)	■	6	HET115



The adult social care sector will need up to **520,000** more workers by 2035¹

¹ Skills for Care

"Everyone is friendly and helpful at Petroc and the access to the general site and any support is so easy. It is a really nice place to study, with special quiet areas where you can study and know you won't be distracted.

They have thought of everything a student would need to be able to support them to get their best potential grade."

MAISY, HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD



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Our specialist team supports learners as they move on from their school environment, by providing safe surroundings and a challenging curriculum that encourages them to become more independent and confident.

With unique facilities such as our cafés, sensory gardens and craft spaces, we provide fantastic spaces where our students can flourish.

Our courses transition learners into the community and employment through a journey that gives them the time and aspirations to have the skills to strive towards their chosen vocation - with guidance from our experienced tutors and support staff.



The Project Life Supported Internship programme has an approximate **70% STUDENT TRANSITION TO EMPLOYMENT**

TITLE	STUDY TYPE	LEVEL	CODE
Petroc Independence Academy (1)	●	Entry Level	PTT296
Petroc Independence Academy (2)	●	Entry Level	PTT258
Petroc Independence Academy (3)	●	Entry Level	PTT255
Petroc Independence Academy (4)	●	Entry Level	PTT254
Preparation For Adulthood	▲	Entry Level	FTT067
Project Life Employment	▲	Entry Level	FTT066
Internship Plus+	▲	2	FTT273
Certificate For Supported Employment Practitioners	●	3	PTT251

"When I left school I was nervous to start with as I didn't know anyone and I was very muddled. Petroc got me an EHCP and without it I would never have joined and got the help and support I needed.

I had 1:1 support to keep a close eye on me, I enjoyed most of my lessons and the staff helped me if I needed it. I'm now in my second year and I feel that I have matured a lot and have made a lot of new friends and the support has been amazing.

I only have a 1-2-1 on Monday and Tuesday. It has been nice to get freedom and hang around with my new friends. I also helped a new first year when they started which boosted my confidence and theirs too.

I feel like college is my home and always will be. I am looking forward to hopefully getting into a catering job when I leave college."

CHLOE, SUPPORTED LEARNING STUDENT

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Brannams campus

Oakwood Close
Roundswell Business Park
Barnstaple
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