

# L2 APPRENTICESHIP

## CARPENTRY AND JOINERY (SITE CARPENTRY)

### Overview

The occupation involves carrying out skilled work, primarily using timber products, either on a construction site, or in a workshop, creating and installing building components. Site Carpenter will normally work on a building site, or in domestic and commercial premises, preparing and fixing building components, from the initial erection of a new building, through to the installation of all necessary fixtures and fittings, as well as a range of repair and maintenance activities.

### Entry requirements\*

Grade 2 GCSE (E) or above in English and Maths

### Who is the course for?

The Level 2 Apprenticeship (Site Carpentry) is designed to enable those who are employed as Site Carpenter apprentices to gain a formal qualification with training at college whilst working. This Level 2 Apprenticeship will suit individuals who are starting a role as a Site Carpenter or within a construction environment, offering a practical approach and a solid platform for anyone wishing to develop in this career path.

### Programme content

#### Knowledge

- Understand the principles of health, safety and welfare and how these are applied in the workplace.
- Understand the different techniques and methods used to move, handle and store materials.
- Understand how to communicate with others and comply with instructions and directions.
- Understand how to interpret and use relevant product information and specifications.
- Understand their responsibilities under current employment and safety legislation, such as The Health & Safety at Work Act
- Understand how to calculate quantity, length, area and wastage of resources.
- Understand the needs of other workers and how to work effectively with others.
- Understand the characteristics, quality, uses, sustainability, limitations and defects associated with timber and timber-based products and components, such as hardwood, softwood, MDF and other materials.
- Understand the technical principles of architectural joinery and how they are applied in routine tasks, such as, setting out and producing cutting lists, marking out from setting out details and producing cutting lists, fitting and assembling routine products.
- Understand how to accurately take site and workplace dimensions. Understand how to form and proportion joints associated with architectural joinery work, such as mortice and tenon, dovetail and comb joints.

### KEY INFORMATION

**Typical Duration:**  
24 months + 3 months EPA

**Taught Days:**  
One day every week term time only

**Delivery Location:**  
Truro  
Penwith (Penzance)

**Funding value:**  
£12,000

(£600 employer contribution if required)

- Understand why, when and how health and safety control equipment should be used when undertaking architectural joinery work (e.g. personal protective equipment (PPE) and respiratory protective equipment (RPE)).
- Understand how to use, maintain and store marking and testing tools, hand tools, power tools and associated equipment.
- Understand how to requisition architectural joinery materials, such as timber, adhesives and fixings.
- Understand how to work at height and use access equipment safely.

## Skills

- Work safely and be aware of key health, safety and welfare issues.
- Plan and carry out their work to commercial standards of quality and speed.
- Move, handle and store resources, such as materials and timber components, complying with relevant legislation & guidance.
- Interpret and follow verbal and written work instructions from trade supervisors and site managers
- Select the required materials to carry out the work, such as correct timber, tools and fixings.
- Access, interpret and use drawings and specifications to carry out their work.
- Carry out a range of job tasks including measuring, marking out, fitting, cutting, splicing, finishing, positioning and securing.
- Install door and window frames, door and hatch linings, floor joist coverings, straight partitions and straight staircases.
- Install doors, ironmongery, service encasements, wall and floor units and fitments, cladding and staircase components.
- Erect inclined roofs with gables, joists, roof coverings and roof components.
- Repair or replace frames, mouldings, doors, windows, door and window ironmongery, roofing components, guttering and downpipes and window components.
- Use, maintain and store hand tools, power tools and associated equipment

## Behaviours

- Effective communication: oral, written, listening, body language, presentation.
- Effective team working: work effectively with others with limited supervision.
- Independent working: take responsibility for completing their own work.
- Logical thinking: use clear and valid reasoning when making decisions
- Working effectively: undertake the work in a reliable and productive manner.
- Adaptability: be able to adjust to changes to work instructions
- Time management: use own time effectively to complete the work on schedule.

## Gateway

The employer in consultation with the training provider will make the judgement as to whether the apprentice is ready for end point assessment through the achievement of the following;

- Level 2 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in Site Carpentry or Architectural Joinery.
- A recognised Level 1 English and Mathematics qualification and evidence of having undertaken the English and Mathematics tests at Level 2.

On conclusion that the assessment gateway requirements have been achieved, the apprentice will be able to proceed to the end-point assessment stage of the apprenticeship. It is expected that apprentices will complete the assessment gateway requirements within three months of their planned apprenticeship completion.



# End point assessment

## EPA methods

- Knowledge Test
- Practical Assessment

## Contact information

For further information, please call our Business Relations Team on 01872 242711 or email [apprenticeships@truro-penwith.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@truro-penwith.ac.uk)

\* A guide to GCSE grading and Functional Skills

Department for Education

GCSE Grading	
New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B
4 <small>Standard Pass</small>	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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Functional Skills are equivalent to GCSE's, the table below shows the comparison

Entry Level 1	GCSE below G or Level 1
Level 1	GCSE D-G or level 1-3
Level 2	GCSE A*- C or level 4-9