

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

John Ruskin College, Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JJ, 1 year Full-time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

5 GCSE grade A*-D (9-3) that includes English & Maths or BTEC Level 1 Diploma and GCSE grade A*-D (9-3) in English & Maths.

Students over 19 are not eligible to enrol on this qualification. For further guidance contact the client services.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

- Foundation T Level
- Recognised CISCO Netcad qualifications

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This qualification enables learners to explore a choice of sector areas, enabling progression to either higher education or employment in the computing sector.

This is a practical, work-related course, which develops the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding to provide a sound, basic IT and business education. You will be required to use real businesses for your coursework. A number of trips are organised during the year to relate your learning to the world outside of College. In past years, these have included Thorpe Park, Cadbury World, Microsoft and Bletchley Park. You will often work in small groups and you may well be required to present your findings to the rest of the group. Attendance of at least 90% is necessary in order to complete the course.

COMPONENTS/TOPICS COVERED:

The course comprises of 5 components wide range of computing and work based work, those designed to facilitate more specialist study.

Components

1. Diagnostic and guidance period

To assess capability and support needs to tailor your students' individual Foundation Year and help them decide which T Level route they wish to prepare for.

2. English and maths

Students who did not achieve English and/or maths GCSE grade 4 at Key Stage 4 are required to continue studying as per the condition of funding.

3. Work preparation and employability skills

To develop the skills, behaviours, attitude, and confidence that will be needed for students to complete the T Level Industry Placement.

4. Introductory technical skills

- Programming Essential in Python
- HTML, CSS and Java script Essential
- Explore Networking with CISCO Packet Tracer
- Introduction to Computer Networking and Cyber Security

5. Pastoral support and personal development

Relevant and meaningful support to address barriers to education, support emotional and/or mental health difficulties, and support the development of study skills, and reflective and resilience skills.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

Unit 1 and Unit 2 will be externally assessed with an online test. All other units are formally assessed by completed assignment work to meet deadlines.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Folder
- Pen
- Pencil
- Notepaper

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Obtaining the Level 2 Foundation T-Level will allow you to move on to Level 3 T-Level in Digital Production, Design and Development, Digital Support Services or employment at a junior level.

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on eligibility to do this course.

Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 020 8651 1131 or at clientservices@johnruskin.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.johnruskin.ac.uk.

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